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Directory  
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**ELECTED OFFICERS**

*Moderator*

Clifford R. Howe

*Selectmen*

Albert P. Wadleigh

Hazen M. Emery

Fred T. Hopkinson

*Board of Public Welfare*

Fred T. Hopkinson

Albert P. Wadleigh

Hazen M. Emery

*Assessors*

George B. Crofut ..... Term expires 1941

W. Harold Whiting ..... Term expires 1939

Roscoe Child ..... Term expires 1940

*Town Clerk*

C. Howard Phillips

*Tax Collector*

Fred C. Twombly

*Town Treasurer*

Roy C. Journeay

*Municipal Light Commissioners*

George F. Wilde ..... Term expires 1941

Irvine G. Burbeck ..... Term expires 1939

John Marshall ..... Term expires 1940

*Board of Water Commissioners*

George F. Wilde ..... Term expires 1941

Charles A. Lancaster ..... Term expires 1939

John Marshall ..... Term expires 1940

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*Engineers of Fire Department*

Aaron A. Hume

Fred O. Bailey

J. Arthur Ollis

*Inspector of Milk, Slaughter and Animals*

Fred H. G. Chase

*Inspector of Wires*

Irving G. Burbeck

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

George R. Hoyt

*Moth Superintendent*

Samuel C. Doust

*Forest Fire Warden*

Aaron A. Hume

*Burial Agent*

James S. Schiavoni

*Superintendent of Streets*

Aaron A. Hume

*Town Forest Committee*

James T. Colgan .....	Term expires 1941
Samuel C. Doust .....	Term expires 1939
Frank N. Rand .....	Term expires 1940

*Registrars of Voters*

George W. Berry

Isaac A. Williams

A. Lawton P. Crane

C. Howard Phillips

*Janitor Town Hall*

Andrew O. Nicol

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SEVERAL OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The sixty-third annual report of the Town of Merrimac is herewith presented for your consideration being a review of Town business for the year 1938.

For many years the Merrimac Selectmen have endeavored to maintain a "pay as you go policy" and it has been and is the policy of the present Board of Selectmen to continue that course of action.

Until the last few months of the year 1937, it appeared that business conditions in general were improving, and that relief costs were being reduced to some extent. From October 1937 to date the improvement ceased and since that time the unemployment situation has gradually grown worse. This condition naturally reflects itself in various forms of welfare costs to the Town. With the possible exception of the years of 1933 and 1893, the burden of unemployment has fallen heavier on the people of Merrimac in 1938 than any other period in the incorporated history of the Town.

Aside from the normal functions of administration of Town government, it has been an increasingly difficult task to obtain work relief for the unemployed in striving to keep down the costs to the town, yet so far this has been done to a reasonable extent.

While it may seem that a tax of \$51.00 per thousand valuation is high, it must be remembered that as compared with many other towns in Essex County, that the valuation in Merrimac is low, and that as a test of the financial soundness of Merrimac as a Massachusetts Town, that of the 167 towns in Massachusetts under 5,000 population, only fourteen have a lower ratio of net debt to valuation than the Town of Merrimac. According to the latest State report, the ratio of net debt to valuation in the case of the Town of Merrimac was only 0.32 on a hundred dollars, the highest ratio being that of Southborough at 8.82 per hundred dollars, and the lowest being that of the Town of Boxford and the Town of Rochester with percentages each of 0.08 per hundred dollars.

As of January 1, 1938 the total indebtedness of the Town of Merrimac was only \$3600.00, this being for money borrowed in 1933 for relief purposes. This note was paid in September 1938, which paid off all the funded debt of the Town incurred in previous years. It became necessary in July to meet W.P.A. expenses of the Town, to borrow \$3000.00 payable over a three year period, maturing \$1000.00 a year in 1939, 1940, and 1941. This amount of \$3000.00 is now the only outstanding funded debt of the Town as a serial loan extending beyond the year 1939.

The following figures prove conclusively the financial stability of the Town.

Dec. 31, 1933—Funded debt	\$24,000.00	Temporary debt	\$25,000.00
Dec. 31, 1934—Funded debt	18,400.00	Temporary debt	25,000.00
Dec. 31, 1935—Funded debt	12,800.00	Temporary debt	30,000.00
Dec. 31, 1936—Funded debt	7,200.00	Temporary debt	25,000.00
Dec. 31, 1937—Funded debt	3,600.00	Temporary debt	25,000.00
Dec. 31, 1938—Funded debt	3,000.00	Temporary debt	20,000.00

Dec. 31, 1933—Surplus revenue	\$19,927.38
Dec. 31, 1934—Surplus revenue	26,416.74
Dec. 31, 1935—Surplus revenue	32,387.22
Dec. 31, 1936—Surplus revenue	30,381.49
Dec. 31, 1937—Surplus revenue	27,720.64
Dec. 31, 1938—Surplus revenue	30,600.73



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The enactment by the Legislature of the so-called "Tax Title law" which allows Towns to borrow money to meet current expenses against property taken by the Town by Tax title subject to owners right of redemption, has been of great benefit to cities and towns in realizing on the values thus taken, by borrowing on these tax titles from the Commonwealth at an interest rate of one per cent per year. By the calling of special town meetings during the year to borrow against Tax Titles, it was made possible to finance the increased W.P.A. local costs required of the Town without any additional levy or direct taxation, and keep all projects going without loss of time to the persons employed.

The following table shows how the taking of and borrowing against Tax Titles has made possible that part of the financial structure in financing Town business in the last six years.

Dec. 31, 1933—Tax titles	\$ 471.69		
Dec. 31, 1934—Tax titles	2,433.84		
Dec. 31, 1935—Tax titles	2,091.92		
Dec. 31, 1936—Tax titles	10,651.65		
Dec. 31, 1937—Tax titles	18,055.51	Borrowed \$3,000.00	Paid by Redemptions
Dec. 31, 1938—Tax titles	23,719.14	Borrowed \$14,750.00	Obligated Jan. 1, 1939 \$13,243.13

The amount of \$3,000.00 borrowed on Tax titles in 1937 was paid in 1938 by money received from owners redeeming their property. Of the \$14,750.00 borrowed on Tax titles in 1938, an amount of \$6,000.00 was voted by the Town at annual town meeting to be used for the purpose of tax reduction, and an amount of \$5,000.00 was voted at a Special town meeting for local W.P.A. expenses. Of this amount \$1,506.87 has already been paid in by redemptions, leaving as of Jan. 1, 1939 an obligated amount against the tax title properties held by the Town of Merrimac of \$13,243.13; and an unobligated balance of tax titles plus town owned tax title property of \$10,476.01, still available for use if needed. As tax title are thus taken for non-payment of taxes, the value of this amount of uncollected taxes can

be used by the Town by pledging the amount borrowed to the Commonwealth at one per cent interest per annum.

Of the remaining \$3,750.00 borrowed against tax titles, the sum of \$2,500.00 was voted for Old Age Assistance, due to the fact that reimbursements from the Federal Government through the State, are about two months delayed, and \$1,250.00 was voted by the Town to provide for the storm emergency of the hurricane of September 1938. About five sixths of the \$2,500.00 thus raised for Old Age Assistance will be returned to the town from the Federal and State Government. Of the sum of \$1,500.00 voted by the Town outside the debt limit for snow emergency removal to be paid in the tax levy of 1939, only \$428.27 has been spent, leaving a balance of \$1,071.73, which can be taken into consideration in fixing the appropriation for snow and washouts in 1939.

For the first time in the history of Merrimac, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts failed to pay before Dec. 31, 1938, the amount of its share for Highway work due the Town under the provisions of Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 General Laws. The allotment by the State to the Town for Chapter 81 work in 1938 was \$4,650.00 of which amount \$1,605.91 had not been received and of the sum of \$1,500.00 allotted by the State to the Town under Chapter 90 work none of the State's share had been paid. It thus was necessary in December before the close of the fiscal year for the Town to borrow \$1,600.00 for a four months period on Chapter 81, and \$1,500.00 for the State share of Chapter 90 work for a two months period under that section of the General Laws which provides for borrowing by Towns in anticipation of reimbursements due the Town from the Commonwealth. The Selectmen have been assured by the State authorities that these amounts due the town should be received in a few weeks. This situation does not apply to the Town of Merrimac alone, being a small part of the monies owed by the State to Cities and Towns for reimbursements. Also, the amount owed the Town by the State for aid given by the Town to so-called State Welfare cases for the year July 1, 1937 to June 30, 1938 totalled \$5,887.52, of which amount \$5,216.36 was received as late as Dec. 31, 1938, still leaving a balance of \$671.16 owed the Town by the State on these cases for



the period July 1, 1937 to July 1, 1938 plus over \$2,500.00 paid by the Town on State cases from July 1, 1938 to Jan. 1, 1939.

The State Tax paid by the Town of Merrimac in 1937 was \$3,-307.50. In 1938, the State Tax in Merrimac had increased to \$4,-760.00. With State payments due Towns like Merrimac still unpaid for a longer period than in previous years, it can be readily seen that the State Tax will be even higher in 1939, unless legislation is enacted allowing credits for certified claims of Towns against the State in fixing tax rates, otherwise the situation is neither comfortable nor encouraging.

However, the rates of interest paid by the Town in 1938 for borrowed money have been the lowest of record, the Town having received a rate as low as twenty nine one hundredth of one percent on a short term note.

We particularly call your attention to the fact that the general cash balance of the Town at the close of the fiscal year Dec. 31, 1938 was \$8,401.71 or only \$37.39 less than the general cash balance on Jan. 1, 1938, while the temporary debt of the Town has been reduced \$5,000.00 by cash payment during the year.

The Board of Selectmen organized with Albert P. Wadleigh chairman, Hazen M. Emery, clerk and Fred T. Hopkinson, and then organized as a Board of Health with the same officers and members. In Merrimac the Selectmen also act as Soldiers Relief Commissioners, and as License Commissioners as part of their several duties. Selectman Albert P. Wadleigh was appointed Co-ordinator of W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects for the term of one year.

The cost for Soldiers Relief in 1937 was \$3,763.38 and in 1938 was \$3,639.68. As the Town only appropriated \$3,000.00 each year for Soldiers Relief, transfers had again to be voted by the Town to meet the excess requirement. It would seem that the appropriation for Soldiers Relief in 1939 should at least be \$3,600.00 to meet the probable needs.

As very few people in Merrimac in 1938 were employed in private industry, the relief work provided by the Works Progress Administration to Merrimac citizens has been of great value. During the year an average of 120 persons have been continuously employed, the most at one time on W.P.A. having been 132 persons and as of Dec. 31, 1938 the number being 112 Merrimac persons on W.P.A. payrolls. Counting dependents in families of W.P.A. workers, this represents aid to nearly 500 men, women and children. The W.P.A. money received in 1938 for labor payrolls in Merrimac was approximately \$84,000.00, the contributions required by the Town for W.P.A. work being \$14,860.45. A detail of this work is outlined by the Co-ordinator elsewhere in the town report.

We wish especially to express our appreciation to State W.P.A. Administrator Lt. Col. John J. McDonough and all his associates in the State and district offices for their cooperation with us and other officials of the Town of Merrimac during the year.

The work of the Highway Department has been conducted in a very efficient manner under the direction of Aaron A. Hume as Superintendent of Streets who also in that capacity exercised supervision for the Town over the W.P.A. Farm to Market and Cement sidewalks project.

The \$1,500.00 appropriation voted by the Town for Chapter 90 maintenance work to be used with an equal amount of \$1,500.00 to be received from the State, was used to resurface with crushed stone and oil upper Church St. and part of the Highland Road, Broad St., part of High St. and Bear Hill Road.

A large amount of new fencing reinforced by guard rail cable has been built along the river bank at Merrimacport; together with the installation of new drains and culvert work in several places.

The W.P.A. Farm to Market Road improvement project has been in operation the whole year employing about 60 Merrimac men and several trucks. The use of the new Town truck on this project has long since paid for itself as against what it would have cost for extra truck hire. The Newton Road from the New Hampshire line to the

Birchmeadow Road was widened and rebuilt and as now completed is more of a thoroughfare, instead of a narrow dirt road. The Middle road from the corner of Emery St. to the Amesbury line was rebuilt, being cut down several feet to improve vision, and the road oiled. Lower Emery St. from the Middle Road to Merrimac St. was cleared of the heavy side underbrush, the road widened and wholly rebuilt. This short road now affords one of the most beautiful views of the Merrimac river from the high point and should be seen by all who appreciate scenic beauty. Westminster, Billings, Belmore and Ridgefield roads have been rebuilt and now in the form of entrance to a joined rectangle is in itself a revelation as to the transformation produced. Abbot St. has been built up, gravelled and widened with improved approach. Part of the Red Oak Hill road was rebuilt. Winter St. is now being rebuilt as well as part of the Battis road.

The claims of Ernest Rice against the Town for work done in Locust Grove Cemetery prior to Dec. 31, 1935 have been adjusted and \$134.50 accepted by him as final payment after several conferences between Attorneys of Mr. Rice and the Selectmen.

The Selectmen have represented the Town at three hearings before the Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission at Boston in an endeavor to prevent increased rates to the users of gas as sold by the Haverhill Gas Co. in Merrimac, and also to secure reasonable freight rates from the Boston and Maine R. R. to local shippers.

The Selectmen have also attended the meetings of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the Essex County Selectmen's Association in 1938, and from the information thus derived have been able to better understand many of the more recent difficult problems of town government. Albert P. Wadleigh, chairman of the Merrimac Selectmen was in April 1938 elected President of the Essex County Selectmen's Association and now holds that office.

A new large flag was purchased for the staff on the Town Hall and two smaller flags, one National, and one State for display on the stage in the Town Hall.



The revenue received by the Town from fines and forfeits through the District Court according to the records of Chief James P. Donahue of the Police Department was \$97.60 in 1938. The Selectmen appointed three new special police officers in addition to the two regular and several special officers reappointed. The efficiency of both the Police and Fire Departments in Merrimac is a credit to the Town.

Eight new voting booths were made prior to the State election bringing the total number to twenty voting booths to be used at primaries and elections. This eliminated the congestion of persons waiting to vote, as the list of registered voters in Merrimac has greatly increased in the last few years.

The year 1938 will long be remembered for the hurricane, high water and floods. During the last two weeks of July owing to the severe rains, a section of Water St., Merrimacport was badly undermined a distance of approximately two hundred feet, one side of the road settled two feet, and a whole section of Water Street began to slide into the Merrimac River. A formation of clay under the road, with the softened condition above, caused the slippage. If the road fell into the river a large section of a high bank on the north side of the road would have been carried away. To protect this location from the possibility of a recurrence of such damage a terraced retaining wall was considered necessary involving an expenditure of several thousand dollars. As the Town could not afford any such expenditure, Mr. Wadleigh represented the Town before the State Emergency Finance Board on grants for flood relief, as a result of which conferences Merrimac was allotted the sum of \$4,000.00 by the State as an outright free grant of funds to repair this damage and this work has been carried on for several months, also giving considerable additional employment to Merrimac men. During this period the water in Lake Attitash also rose to exceptional high levels causing a dangerous health situation. The torrential rains of Sept. 20, followed by the hurricane on Sept. 21, were terrifying in their nature and destruction throughout New England and Merrimac while suffering considerable damage was fortunate in the small amount of loss as compared to other localities. Several hundred trees were blown down, streets temporarily obstructed, and roofs of several houses damaged. The worst

condition was at Lake Attitash on the north west side. An authorization was secured from the W.P.A. State Office to allow thirty men to be taken from the W.P.A. Farm to Market project for a period of ten days to help clear up the debris. This represented a grant of about \$800.00 from the Federal Government for labor costs. Pleasant St., Merrimacport was badly washed out, and the break on the river bank on Water street again weakened, and a portion of Merrimac St. at the Port, badly cracked. The costs to the Town of the flood, water and hurricane was \$1,175.60, of which amount \$148.00 was used to repair the rear end of the Fire Department engine house where the chimney blew down and part of the roof caved in.

Under the provisions of Chapter 500, Acts of 1938, the Legislature allotted five million dollars to cities and towns in proportion to the State tax, being taken from the State Highway Fund "to enable municipalities to carry out local projects for the purpose of alleviating existing conditions resulting from unemployment." Of this sum the Town of Merrimac received \$1,400.00. As yet none of this amount has been spent. It is the hope of the Selectmen that this amount can in some way be used in 1939, to either reduce or prevent an increased tax rate, but rulings covering the use of this money will be obtained before the annual Town meeting.

Acting as a Board of Health more health problems were considered by the Selectmen in 1938 than in the whole preceding four years. In 1937 only 32 cases of diseases dangerous to public health were reported, while in 1938 the number of 166 of this class of diseases was reported, viz,—chicken pox 125, dog bite 11, measles 5, whooping cough 8, scarlet fever 4, mumps 3, rat bite 1, german measles 2, lobar pneumonia 7. Two boarding house licenses for the care of infants (state cases) were issued. Leslie R. Eaton was granted a permit to collect and remove garbage through the streets of Merrimac. The high water at Lake Attitash created a bad health condition, for a few days it becoming necessary for the Merrimac Board of Health, to request the Amesbury Board of Health to secure the consent of the Merrimac Valley Power Co. to lower the dam at the lake, to release the water in sufficient quantity to remove the health menace in the rear of the cottages, and also it was necessary to clean the whole bed of the brook leading from the swamp in the rear of the cottages,



southerly across East Main St., near the entrance of Lake Attitash Road.

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to all citizens and residents of this Town, officers, boards, departments or employees who have cooperated with us in the year 1938, and also to all those connected with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, District Engineers Office, W.P.A., State, Regional, District and Field offices, and all Federal, State, County or Municipal officials or employees who have aided us in any way to the benefit of the Town of Merrimac. We especially acknowledge the thorough, accurate and faithful work of the Town Accountant W. Harold Whiting and for his full cooperation with us and of all other departments of the Town.

Merrimac as a Town has met its problems and survived the depression of 1938. Though general business conditions are not much improved, yet there is still much cause for hope. The last five years have been trying to extremes. To those citizens of Merrimac who keep their copies of the Annual Town Report we suggest that during some period of leisure time, that it will be both profitable and instructive, if they will also read the Selectmen's Report for the years 1934-'35-'36 and '37 and thus have a more complete picture of the many physical improvements that have been made to Merrimac streets, roads, sidewalks, school repairs, and town property through relief work, and see how during that period the Town of Merrimac has paid its bills and reduced both its funded and temporary debt.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,  
HAZEN M. EMERY,  
FRED. T. HOPKINSON,

Selectmen of Merrimac



ANNUAL REPORT OF MERRIMAC BOARD  
OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Merrimac Board of Public Welfare organized March 8, 1938, with Fred T. Hopkinson, chairman; Albert P. Wadleigh, clerk, and Hazen M. Emery as the third member.

This year has seen more people in Merrimac unable to find employment in private industry than in any other year on record with the possible exception of 1933.

The daily problem of the Merrimac Welfare Board therefore has been to give adequate aid within the limits of the Town appropriation, and cooperate with all Federal or State agencies to provide relief employment so to keep down the cost of local welfare rolls.

The situation while acute, the percentage of persons in Merrimac receiving public aid in some form in 1938 was about 34 per cent; yet this percentage was not higher than the average for the State, while the percentage in many communities was much greater than Merrimac.

The money received in labor payrolls from the W.P.A. in Merrimac in 1938 was approximately \$84,000.00. The cash values of free food and clothing distributed by the Federal Commissary in Merrimac this year not only to welfare cases but also to needy persons was about \$25,000.00. This sum of Federal funds of over \$100,000.00 given outright for purposes of relief, is larger than the amount of money assessed by direct taxation on themselves by the people of Merrimac in 1938 for all local purposes, and if it had not been received the Merrimac tax rate would have been nearly \$125.00 per thousand valuation, or most of the people who received this aid would have been forced to live on a much reduced scale of existence.

Despite every effort used to hold local public welfare costs to a minimum yet the number of persons who required aid in 1938 was 36 larger than the year 1937.

Comparative costs and persons aided in the last five years follows:

1934—Public Welfare costs	\$28,115.90	for 428 persons aided
1935—Public Welfare costs	24,157.22	for 415 persons aided
1936—Public Welfare costs	19,416.32	for 271 persons aided
1937—Public Welfare costs	16,763.32	for 299 persons aided
1938—Public Welfare costs	18,647.64	for 335 persons aided

The above figures refer only to public welfare cases and aid to dependent children, and do not include recipients of Old Age Assistance, Soldiers Relief, State Aid, W.P.A. workers or T. B. hospital cases, these other costs to the Town being detailed in another part of the Town Report.

The case records and folders telling the history and facts of each case have been kept up to date by Mr. Wadleigh as Clerk of the Board who has checked and rechecked the dates of expiration of settlements, and the determination of settlements which cover the status of over 750 individuals, who have received public welfare in Merrimac during the last fifteen years.

On July 23, 1936, the Merrimac Board of Public Welfare was designated as the local W.P.A. Certifying Agency. On Aug. 28, 1936 Albert P. Wadleigh was authorized by the Essex County W.P.A. Regional director to act as Certifying Agent of the Merrimac Board and has performed that work without any compensation since that date. This fact was referred to in last year's town report, and is now repeated because some persons still seem to think that Mr. Wadleigh has been paid for keeping the W.P.A. employment records of over 160 W.P.A. workers, and trying to obtain employment for them, whereas he has and is still doing this work gratis to lessen the costs to the Town.

The Old Age Assistance records covering approximately 115 cases are handled by a separate bureau composed of Fred T. Hopkinson and Albert P. Wadleigh of the Welfare Board and John K. Sargent as the third member, and their report is printed in a separate part of the Town Report.

The W.P.A. sewing unit sponsored by the Merrimac Welfare Board has been in operation the whole year, employing thirteen women and providing clothing for distribution at the local commissary and through the Commodity Distribution Office at Haverhill. Prior to Oct. 1, 1937 the materials were furnished by the Federal Government. Since that time the Federal Government has required a cash contribution from the Town of \$10.00 per month per person employed on the sewing project toward the payment of materials, the W.P.A. paying the labor costs plus \$7.00 per month per person for material costs. This required contribution from the Town has with rent, lights, etc. increased the cost of this project from \$991.65 in 1937 to \$2,063.25 in 1938. The thirteen women thus employed received for labor in 1938 approximately \$9,000.00 as against the amount of \$2,063.25 paid by the Town. Commencing Jan. 1, 1939 the number of women employed has been reduced to twelve and it would appear on the basis of high percentage costs that the Town cannot afford to sponsor any larger number employed on this project.

Applications for the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1938 have been few in Merrimac, as the number permitted to be sent from this Town has been very small. These young men who went were certified by the local C.C.C. agent and transportation to the Army Base at Boston provided them.

The W.P.A. wood cutting project operated a few months with a small crew sufficient to cut enough wood in the Town Forest to materially aid in reducing welfare costs both in providing wood to the needy under the rules of distribution as voted by the Town and furnishing W.P.A. employment to Merrimac men.

The Merrimac Commodity Distribution Office of Federal food and clothing is also sponsored by the Welfare Board. J. Duncan Howe and Wendell Harvey assigned by the State W.P.A. office have charge



of the distribution of these surplus commodities. Supplies are distributed only as follows, Soldiers Relief and W.P.A. workers on cards signed by Chairman of Selectmen and Co-Ordinator of Relief Projects; Welfare cases, Old Age Assistance cases, Mothers Aid cases and needy persons on cards signed by the Chairman of the Welfare Board. All commodities taken from the Commissary must be signed for by the recipients, a complete record is kept of the amount of food and clothing received by each individual or family, so that the cash value of these commodities may be taken into consideration in determining the actual amount needed for other aid.

We express our appreciation to all those who have cooperated with us during the year, especially to W. Harold Whiting, Town Accountant, who aside from the many financial details required to be kept by him relative to welfare case records, is now obliged to furnish the State and Federal Government with financial information in monthly as well as annual Welfare, Aid to Dependent Children, and Old Age Assistance reports.

No one in Merrimac in 1938 has to our knowledge actually suffered for want of proper attention and aid. One third of the people of Massachusetts living on relief is not a normal function of government, and we do not believe that the great majority of Merrimac citizens unemployed want relief if they can find work to support themselves otherwise. The condition however is here and must be met and until such time as business and industry improve, the agencies of local, State and Federal government must be exercised to provide relief, within the limits of safe financial methods of administration.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED T. HOPKINSON,  
ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,  
HAZEN M. EMERY,

Merrimac Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF MERRIMAC BUREAU OF OLD AGE  
ASSISTANCE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with a vote of the Town designating two Members of the Merrimac Public Welfare Board as members of the Old Age Assistance Bureau, those thus elected met and organized for the year as follows: Fred T. Hopkinson, chairman, Albert P. Wadleigh, clerk and John K. Sargent as the third member.

All business of the Merrimac Bureau of Old Age Assistance has been kept entirely separate and distinct from the business of the Welfare Board, all records and folders in relation to Old Age Assistance being entered and placed in a different file and register.

On Jan. 2, 1938 there were 102 persons receiving Old Age Assistance, 25 applications were granted during the year, and twelve cases closed (eight by death, one by request, one by change of residence, and two by the State), making a total of 115 persons on the Merrimac Old Age Assistance Register as of Dec. 31, 1938.

It should be thoroughly understood that no applications for Old Age Assistance can be granted, unless the applicant meets the property qualifications, and produce legal proof of age and citizenship, and can further prove residence of at least five years out of nine in Massachusetts immediately preceding the date of application, of which period the applicant must have lived continuously in Massachusetts for the period of one year prior to the date of application. This proof must be on file in the records of the Merrimac Old Age Assistance Bureau, otherwise the Federal and State Old Age Investigators and auditors will not approve any payments to the Town of Merrimac from Federal or State funds.

In the payment of Old Age Assistance in Merrimac, the Town of Merrimac has to finance and pay the bills, receiving reimbursements only on such amounts, substantiated by proof, as are approved by the Federal and State departments.



If the proof is not there, the Town cannot be reimbursed. That is why there must be every exercise of due care to prevent any loss of monies due the Town. The Federal Government reimburses the Town to the amount of one half (or not over \$15.00 per month per case) of the amount paid, and the State reimburses the Town in an amount equal to two-thirds of the other half. Theoretically the cost to the Town is one-sixth, but owing to necessary hospital or medical bills, the actual cost to the Town is nearer one-fourth of the amount spent.

The total amount of money expended in Merrimac in 1937 for Old Age Assistance was \$34,071.68. With the increased number of cases, the actual amount paid to Old Age recipients in Merrimac in 1938 was \$39,479.82. Of this amount \$17,292.97 was paid from money received in Federal grants, the other \$22,186.85 being paid by the Town of Merrimac, subject to that portion of reimbursement to be received from the Commonwealth. An amount of \$588.74 was received from the Federal Government for Administrative purposes in 1938 of which sum \$550.02 was paid as salaries to the members of the Old Age Assistance board as voted by the Town. So far there has been no actual cost to the Town for Old Age Assistance Administrative purposes, but just how long this can continue will depend solely on rulings of Federal and State authorities. Of the appropriations by the Town of \$22,500.00 for Old Age Assistance the sum of \$348.90 was unexpended and credited to surplus revenue.

It now appears to be the intention of the W.P.A. to drop from the W.P.A. rolls all persons over 65 years of age eligible to receive Old Age Assistance and mothers with dependent children qualified to receive that type of allowance in Federal Aid. If such a W.P.A. policy is put into effect, several persons now on the W.P.A. will undoubtedly be added to the Old Age Assistance rolls, the probability being that the average number of Merrimac Old Age cases in 1939 will be 125 to provide for. This will necessitate (exclusive of hospital and medical bills) an expenditure of about \$45,000.00 of which amount one half will be paid by the Federal Government. The State reimburses the Town in the amount of two-thirds of the balance (including two-thirds of the cost of authorized medical and hospital bills). On this basis it would appear that the Town should appropriate \$25,000.00



for 1939 Old Age Assistance costs, to cover if possible the payments for the whole year without being forced to raise additional revenue for this purpose through Special Town Meetings. After reimbursements, the actual 1939 cost to the Town for Old Age Assistance is estimated at \$11,000.00.

Social security in the form of Old Age Assistance is now an established fact, being fully recognized as a part of the permanent policy of the United States Government to provide protection and security to its citizens as they approach old age. With the possibility of the age limit being reduced to 60 years, and the probability of the payments of \$30.00 a month being increased before long, legislation is being considered by the State authorities to provide for administration by districts, supervised by a trained personnel, so that Cities and Towns will receive the full benefits of the Old Age Assistance grants with the State contributing with the Federal Government in paying a large share of district administrative costs. In the financing of the large amounts of money needed as the number of cases increase together with the additional clerical work that will be required to properly operate the system of investigation, distribution and records, it is only a matter of time when the administration of old age assistance will be placed on a district or regional basis to strengthen the permanence of security and safeguard the cities and towns against the tremendous losses incurred by not obtaining full reimbursements due them which losses occur by too frequent change of office personnel.

Adequate security for the aged has become a permanent fixture of government, and as such should be administered to provide sufficient funds to give reasonable living comforts to Old Age Assistance recipients, as well as in placing the least possible burdens on those who either by direct or indirect taxation have to pay the bills.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED T. HOPKINSON,  
ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,  
JOHN K. SARGENT,

Merrimac Bureau of Old Age Assistance.

## REPORT OF CO-ORDINATOR OF RELIEF PROJECTS

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

At the Annual Town Meeting the Selectmen were authorized again "to appoint a Co-Ordinator (for the term of one year) of W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects, who may be a member of the Board of Selectmen", and being reappointed to that position, I have endeavored for the third consecutive year to secure for the Town of Merrimac and its unemployed such Federal or State relief projects as the Selectmen approved as being of the most benefit to the Town.

The original purpose of Federal Unemployment and Relief legislation as the C.W.A.; E.R.A.; P.W.A. and W.P.A., was based on the premise that the economic depression would be temporary and that the need of relief employment would diminish with general business recovery. It is now clearly evident that unemployment will have to be considered as a national problem for several years, either of a semi permanent nature or on the basis of periodic joint relief contributions by the Federal, State and local governments.

In small towns of the size of Merrimac this situation is particularly severe. Merrimac is restricted in its ability to provide additional revenue by local taxation for three reasons: 1st., Merrimac is the smallest Town in geographical area in Essex County (9 square miles or 3 miles square, 5545 land acres); 2nd., Merrimac is one of the three smallest towns in Essex County from the standpoint of total assessed valuation; 3rd., Merrimac is 85% industrial to 15% agricultural or otherwise, while most other towns show a percentage of less than 50% industrial in population. This further raises the question of how much the town can afford to contribute by local taxation for relief work in addition to its regular appropriations for public welfare and other forms of assistance.

The need of Merrimac citizens in 1938 for W.P.A. work has increased instead of lessened. An average of 120 Merrimac men and women have been employed on local projects throughout the year, as high as 132 persons having been working at one time. The State

W.P.A. office has made no new assignments or replacements since Oct. 15, 1938 and at present there is a waiting list of 16 Merrimac citizens seeking this type of work. The amount of money received in Merrimac for W.P.A. labor payrolls in 1938 was over \$84,000.00.

The approximate amount of money contributed by the Federal Government for relief purposes in the last five years in the Town of Merrimac follows:

1934—Federal contributions .....	\$27,969.61
1935—Federal labor payrolls .....	40,000.00
1936—W.P.A. payrolls .....	64,974.48
W.P.A. Material and truck hire .....	16,500.00
1937—W.P.A. payrolls .....	60,000.00
W.P.A. truck hire .....	3,000.00
1938—W.P.A. payrolls .....	84,000.00
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Approximate five year total .....	\$296,444.09

Or in round figures, Federal funds of approximately \$300,000.00.

These figures do not include the cash value of food and clothing given free to Merrimac by the Federal Commissary.

The costs to the Town by local taxation or by using tax title assets in the same years, has been approximately as follows:

1934—C.W.A. and E.R.A. ....	\$ 3,747.65
1935—E.R.A. and W.P.A. ....	1,982.97
1936—W.P.A. ....	2,830.18
1937—W.P.A. ....	5,357.64
1938—W.P.A. ....	14,860.45

Since April 1937, the Federal Government has required that all material and truck hire costs in Merrimac be paid by the Town. The W.P.A. policy since that date has been that in all new projects submitted, the local governments are supposed to contribute 20% of the total cost of the project if possible. As Merrimac could hardly carry



such a percentage of the cost load, projects have been approved for Merrimac at about 15% without any government contribution for materials. It is understood that some allowances for W.P.A. materials and truck hire may be made to Merrimac in the 1939 program.

On behalf of the Selectmen for the people of Merrimac, I can only express my utmost appreciation to W.P.A. State Administrator, Lt. Col. John J. McDonough and to all his associates in the several W.P.A. offices who have cooperated with us during the year in the administration of Federal relief.

I have continued to perform the work of W.P.A. Certifying Agent of the Merrimac Welfare Board (see Public Welfare Report) although not part of the Co-Ordinators work, in order that the projects and certifications might function more closely to provide employment for Merrimac citizens with the least possible lapse of time for them in the continuous operation of projects.

To secure an uninterrupted work relief program, I have been to the Salem or Boston W.P.A. offices about three times a month, with relation to both the submission and operation of projects, and definition of required procedure.

All W.P.A. projects in operation in Merrimac in 1938, and submitted in 1938 for Federal approval were (except as noted) prepared by me, and are as follows:

Project No. 25—Submitted Aug. 26, 1937. Approved Oct. 4, 1937—Cutting wood in Town Forest. 17 men, 3 months. Federal funds \$2,980.00. Operated through 1938.

Project No. 26—Submitted Aug. 13, 1937. Approved Oct. 20, 1937. Farm to Market Roads. 22 men, 10 months. Federal funds \$12,751.00. Operated through 1938.

Project No. 27—(Supplement to No. 26 for emergency if needed—not used).

Project No. 28—Submitted Oct. 18, 1937. Approved Jan. 25, 1938. Sewing Project. 13 women, 6 months. Federal funds \$6,158.00.

Project No. 29—Submitted Jan. 14, 1938. Approved Feb. 23, 1938. Farm to Market Roads. 34 men, 12 months. Federal funds \$23,773.00.

Project No. 30—Submitted Mar. 31, 1938. Approved May 23, 1938. Elimination of browntail and gypsy moths. 37 men, 6 months. Federal funds \$12,896.00. Operation commenced Nov. 1938.

Project No. 31—Submitted July 1, 1938. Approved Aug. 25, 1938. Sewing project. 13 women, 9 months. Federal funds \$7,528.00. This project is now reduced to 12 women employed.

Project No. 32—Submitted July 1, 1938. Approved Aug. 25, 1938. Repairs on school houses. 17 men, 2 months. Federal funds \$2,622.40. The technical detail of this project was prepared by Howard DeLong and Willard T. Kelly. Intended to operate in 1939.

Project No. 17—Revised March 28, 1938 and approved by State Office. Cement Sidewalks. 42 men, 7 months. Federal funds \$18,333.70.

Project No. 17—Revised Aug. 25, 1938 and additional funds approved by State Office. 56 men, 2 months. Federal funds \$6,989.40. Cement sidewalks.

Project No. 33—Submitted July 23, 1938. Approved Aug. 25, 1938. Farm to Market Roads. 78 men, 10 months. Federal funds \$44,770.00.

Project No. 34—Submitted Oct. 26, 1938. Approved by State Office. Now in Washington for final approval. Building drain, catch basins, resurfacing, etc. Pleasant St., Merrimacport, and repairing breaks on river bank on Water and Merrimac Sts. Provides for 35 men, 3 months. Federal grant asked \$6,752.20. Approved Jan. 10, 1939.

Project No. 35—Submitted Oct. 27, 1938 to remove fire hazards caused by hurricane of Sept. 21, 1938. Disapproved Dec. 30, 1938 by State Office after report of National Forestry Service that “the damage in Merrimac was not of such a nature as to endanger the public safety materially above normal”.

Project No. 36—Submitted Dec. 12, 1938. Now in W.P.A. State Office awaiting approval. Cement sidewalk project for 1939. Provides for construction of (total length, 22700 running feet) cement sidewalks on 26 streets in town. Provides work for 73 men for 7 months. Federal funds asked \$32,855.00 conditional on approximate cost of \$7,919.00 to the town.

The costs for W.P.A. purposes paid by the Town in 1938 were:

Cement Sidewalks .....	\$ 6,068.23
Farm to Market Roads Improvement .....	4,797.37
Sewing Unit .....	2,063.25
Commodity Distribution (including cash contribution to U. S. Government \$69.50) .....	846.28
Moth Elimination .....	135.00
Moth Elimination (project No. 2) .....	94.23
Storm emergency (Hurricane) W.P.A. costs .....	94.50
Wood cutting .....	5.00
Town Forest .....	51.42
Cash contribution for Commodity Administration .....	186.67
W.P.A. Administration, Transportation .....	118.50
Co-Ordinator Salary 1938 (\$7.69 per week) .....	400.00
Total .....	<hr/> \$14,860.45

The cement sidewalk project, operated in 1936, but closed in 1937 due to labor quota limitations, was revised and reopened Apr. 12, 1938 and operated continuously with two crews, each with about 25 men until Nov. 18, 1938.

Cement sidewalks were built on the following streets: Grove St. (West side) from Baptist Church to Summer St.; Summer St. (East side) to Prospect St.; Prospect St. from cor. Summer to op-



posite school house; Summer St. (West side) from cor. Prospect to Grove; Locust St. from cor. Main (East side) to Green St.; Main St. (North side) from cor. Woodland to opposite residence of M. Hale; Main St. (South side) from cor. Woodland to opposite residence of W. Heath; Liberty St. (West side) from Main to Mechanics opposite entrance to Grange Hall; School St. (West side) from cor. Green to Middle St.; Middle St. (North side) from cor. of School to Vale St.; High St., Merrimacport (East side) from Pleasant St. around corner and north side of Merrimac St. to opposite Postoffice; Church St. (West side) from near G. A. R. Hall to opposite residence of Wm. Eaton beyond Nichols St. and brook; Church St. (East side) from opposite Maple St. up Church St. to driveway opposite residence of H. Adams; High St. (West side) and Merrimac St. (North side) in front of and near side of Methodist Church; Prospect St. (South side) from cor. Church St. finishing unconnected links to Summer St.; Church St. (East side) from Mechanics in front of Congregational Church. Part of the cement sidewalk built in 1936 on Green St. (South side) in front of the Catholic Church was torn up by falling trees during the hurricane and this sidewalk in such places was entirely rebuilt. The east side of Broad St., Merrimacport from the corner of Pleasant around the corner of Merrimac to a point opposite the school house was started and the unfinished portion of this section will be completed early in 1939. The cement sidewalks built in Merrimac as W.P.A. projects in 1936 and 1938 have cost approximately \$40,957.27 of which amounts \$7,271.65 has been paid by the Town and approximately \$33,686.62 by the Federal Government. This project has been a great improvement to the Town and is much appreciated.

The streets rebuilt and widened by the Farm to Market project are detailed in the Selectmen's report.

As to the future of the W.P.A. and the unemployment situation, it seems quite evident that for a long time to come, it will be necessary for the Federal Government to make appropriations for unemployment relief.

In Towns of the size of Merrimac, if unemployment continues it is quite certain that such Towns cannot much longer contribute

any large percentage of the costs of such relief. If State wide or County W.P.A. projects can be worked out so as to relieve locally the cost load by placing large numbers of men on State or County unemployment relief projects, the problem may be partially solved.

The Town of Merrimac is doing the best it can to protect the welfare of all of its citizens, with the assistance of either Federal, State or County Aid in the form of projects to provide unemployment relief. The programme for 1939 is being worked out to give employment to as many Merrimac men in need of work as the W.P.A. office will assign to work. Federal funds available will depend on the appropriations made by the Congress of the United States for unemployment relief.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,

Merrimac Co-Ordinator of Federal or State Relief Projects.

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# IN MEMORIAM

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MORTIMER E. SULLIVAN

1898 - 1938

Selectman of Merrimac 1933

Registrar of Voters 1930, 1931, 1932

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## APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN 1938

Moderator .....	\$ 12.00
Selectmen (chairman) .....z.....	450.00
Selectmen (Clerk) .....	125.00
Selectmen (other member) .....	100.00
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses .....	500.00
Board of Public Welfare (chairman) .....	200.00
Board of Public Welfare (clerk) .....	200.00
Board of Public Welfare (other member) .....	100.00
Town Accountant .....	1,300.00
Town Accountant Expenses .....	125.00
Treasurer .....	350.00
Treasurer's Expense .....	950.00
Tax Collector .....	800.00
Tax Collector Expense .....	600.00
Assessors (chairman) .....	275.00
Assessors (other two, each \$187.50) .....	375.00
Assessors Expense .....	200.00
Town Clerk .....	225.00
Town Clerk Expense .....	50.00
Registrars of Voters .....	112.50
Town Hall Maintenance .....	1,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance (Janitor of Town Offices) ....	120.00
Town Hall Repairs .....	150.00
Bonding Town Officers .....	310.00
Election Officers .....	240.00
Police .....	3,550.00
Fire Engineers .....	200.00
Fire Department .....	3,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	90.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expense .....	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Balance of Expense 1937	18.70
Inspector of Wiring .....	90.00
Inspector of Wiring Expense .....	5.00
Dog Officer (to cover fees) .....	100.00
Moth Department .....	850.00
Moth Department (Pump and Sprayer Repairs) .....	75.00

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Tree Warden .....	250.00
Town Forest .....	300.00
Forest Warden .....	150.00
Board of Health .....	750.00
Public Health Nurse and Expense .....	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals .....	100.00
Inspector of Slaughtering .....	20.00
Inspector of Milk .....	20.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital .....	706.39
Highway Department and Chapter 81 .....	5,750.00
Snow and Washouts .....	2,000.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges .....	100.00
Rocks Bridge .....	1,175.00
Street Lights .....	3,283.30
State Aid .....	250.00
Public Welfare .....	18,000.00
Soldiers Relief .....	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children or Mothers Aid .....	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance .....	20,000.00
School Committee (chairman) .....	50.00
School Committee (clerk) .....	75.00
School Committee (other member) .....	50.00
School Department .....	28,250.00
Public Library .....	1,000.00
Memorial Day (American Legion) .....	150.00
Vocational Education .....	100.00
Town Counsel (fees) .....	75.00
Lighting Town Buildings .....	631.58
Insurance .....	2,300.00
Reserve Fund .....	500.00
Interest .....	600.00
Cemeteries .....	1,000.00
Municipal Loan Note .....	3,600.00
Vital Statistics .....	75.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	307.29
Printing Town Reports .....	296.74
WPA or other Federal or State Relief Projects .....	6,000.00
Co-Ordinator of WPA or other State or Federal Relief Projects .....	400.00

Chapter 90 General Laws, Road Maintenance work .....	1,500.00
Purchase of Land for Town Forest .....	150.00
Cement Sidewalks on Grove and Summer Streets .....	750.00
Improvement and Embellishment of Cemeteries .....	325.00
Cemetery claims prior to Dec. 31, 1935 .....	200.00
Light extension on Merrimac Street .....	1,125.00
Purchase of Hose for Fire Dept. ....	500.00
Playground Commission .....	250.00
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	\$125,663.50

### REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen,

As Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report of the Department for the year 1938.

The Department consists of a Chief and one Patrolman on regular duty, with 10 Special Officers for duty as occasion requires.

There were 33 automobile accidents reported, 23 of which were of a serious nature, in which 2 persons were killed and 29 persons injured, the 2 persons killed were passengers, and of the injured 17 were passengers, 7 were pedestrians and 5 were operators.

During the year the Registrar of Motor Vehicles has requested that the names of violators of the laws relating to speeding, cutting out of line, etc., be referred to his Department for action, this has been done, especially with speeders on Main Street.

All bills of the Department have been paid, and the year ended with a small balance, despite the fact that additional officers were kept on duty, while the fire alarm and lighting system were out of order as a result of the hurricane in September.



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### *Miscellaneous Business*

Autos stolen, recovered here .....	2
Assistance to other Police Departments .....	16
Assistance to Medical Examiner .....	3
Complaints investigated .....	417
Doors and windows found open and secured .....	45
Dead bodies found .....	3
Days at District Court (chief) .....	59
Days at Superior Court (chief) .....	3
Days at District Court (night officer) .....	7
Days at District Court (special officers) .....	5
Disturbances suppressed without arrest .....	11
Defects in sidewalks and streets reported .....	6
Escorts furnished processions .....	3
Headlight and brake inspections held .....	5
Injured and sick persons assisted .....	31
Lights furnished dangerous places .....	17
Fires discovered, alarm rang .....	1
Lost and runaway children, returned to parents .....	7
Messages delivered .....	48
Number of animals disposed of .....	9
Number of assignments of officers .....	322
Stray animals returned to owners .....	10
Report of gas leaks .....	1
Value of property stolen .....	\$224.00
Value of property reported lost .....	\$250.00
Value of property recovered .....	\$ 95.00
Witness subpoena's served .....	10
Wires down and reported .....	12

### *Number of Arrests for the Year*

Male .....	100
Female .....	2
Total .....	102
Resident .....	38
Non-resident .....	64

## Charged as follows:

Assault and Battery .....	7
Drunk .....	37
Delinquent Children .....	6
Delinquency (aiding and abetting) .....	1
Insane .....	1
Larceny .....	5
Non-support .....	6
Neglect of Child .....	2
Neglected Child .....	1
Safekeeping .....	8
Resisting arrest .....	1
School offender .....	2
Trespass .....	1
Peddling, no license .....	1
Violation Motor Vehicle Law .....	16
Violation of Probation .....	4
Violation of Painting Riggers Law .....	1
Violation of Fishing Laws .....	2

## Disposed of as follows:

3	Continued.
18	Fined a total of \$520.00.
20	Released.
8	Guilty. Filed.
25	Received suspended sentences totaling 61 months.
6	For other Police Departments.
4	Discharged.
2	Dismissed.
3	Probation.
4	Committed to jail for a total of 80 days.
5	Received suspended sentences to institutions for indefinite periods.
3	Committed to institutions for indefinite periods.
1	Sentenced to institution and appealed.

I desire to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor Judge Pettingell, The Associate Justices, Clerk of the District Court.

the Probation Officer, Chief Hume and members of the Fire Department, the Officers of the Department, and the citizens of the Town for their kindly co-operation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES P. DONAHUE,  
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Sealer's report for the year 1938 is as follows:

Device	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Con-demned
Platform over 5,000 lbs. ....		2	2	
Platform 100 to 5,000 lbs. ....	3	15		
Counter 100 lbs. or over ....		2		
Counter under 100 lbs. ....		2	1	1
Beam 100 lbs. or over ....		1		
Spring 100 lbs. or over ....		3		
Spring under 100 lbs. ....	2	17		1
Computing under 100 lbs. ....	1	12		
Avoirdupois weights ....	4	4		
Gasoline pumps ....	7	38	4	1
Quantity measures on pumps ....	10	10		
Kerosene pumps ....		3		
Tank truck meter systems ....	2	2		
Grease measuring devices ....	1	5		

Trial weighing and measuring of commodities sold or put up for sale:

Commodities	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Canned fruits and vegetables ....	20			20
Bread ....	22	5	2	15
Butter ....	11	6		5



## MERRIMAC

Coal in bags .....	10	9	1
Coal in transit .....	5	5	
Confectionery .....	8		8
Flour .....	4	4	
Grain and feed .....	6	4	1
Lard .....	5		5
Dry commodities:			
Sugar, Nuts, Dry fruits .....	14	7	7
Potatoes .....	10	6	4
Cord wood .....	5		5
Cheese .....	1	1	

*Inspections*

Peddlers Licenses .....	5	Markings of Food Pkgs. ....	52
Coal Certificates .....	5	Coal in paper bags .....	10
Peddlers Scales .....	5	Oil Jars .....	30
Ice Scales .....	3	Retests of Gas pumps after	
Markings of Bread .....	22	Sealing .....	3

*Expenditures*

Salary .....	\$ 90.00
Transportation .....	20.10
Equipment & supplies ..	18.30

Total .....	\$128.40
Appropriation .....	\$140.00

Unexpended balance ....\$ 11.60

*Receipts*

Sealing Fees .....	\$ 40.42
Adjusting charges .....	3.17

Total .....

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Total .....

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\$ 43.59

1937

Credit by special appropriation .....	\$ 18.70
Expenditures—mileage 1937 .....	\$ 18.70

I wish to thank all persons who by their friendliness and cheerful co-operation have aided me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HOYT,  
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1938.

Number of alarms .....	48
Fire loss .....	\$5,503.

There are at present twenty-five regular men and six substitutes in the department.

Due to damage done by hurricane to fire alarm system we recommend that the sum of \$300. be appropriated to cover cost of the same, which includes new movement for box at Lake Attitash Park.

We recommend that the sum of \$3,200. be appropriated for salaries and general maintenance of the department.



Respectfully submitted,

AARON A. HUME,  
J. ARTHUR OLLIS,  
FRED O. BAILEY,

Board of Engineers.

## MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

3-3 Chief's Call.

4 Mass. N. E. Bus Garage, East Main St.

5 Merrimac Square.

7 Central Fire Station, School St.

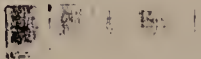
12 Locust St. opposite Green St.

13 J. B. Judkins Co., Main St.

14 Main St. near residence of William H. Franklin.

15 Birch Meadow Road and Main St. to Merrimac-Haverhill line.

- 16 Woodland and Grove Sts.
- 17 School and Pleasant Sts.
- 18 School and Mill Sts.
- 21 East Main St. Bear Hill Road to Merrimac-Amesbury line.
- 23 East Main St. near store of Leo Noone.
- 24 Church St. opposite Maple St.
- 25 Liberty and Mechanic Sts.
- 26 Summer and Prospect St.
- 27 Church St. near residence of Chas. H. Staples.
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Sts.
- 31 Pleasant St. Merrimacport
- 32 Merrimac St. near residence of George H. Whitcomb.
- 34 Merrimac St. Merrimacport.
- 35 High St. near residence of William S. Tuckwell.
- 36 Merrimac St. Post Office.
- 41 Lake Attitash Park.
- 42 Bear Hill Road-Newton, N. H. line. Telephone—no box.
- 51 Locust and Walnut Sts.
- 52 Lower Locust St. Haverhill-Merrimac line.
- 62 Birch Meadow Road and Hadley District. Telephone—no box.
- 2 Recall.



### *No-School Signals*

- 7:15 A. M. 11—11—long pause—1. No school in grade only.
- 7:15 A. M. 11—11—11. No school in high schools and grades.
- 11:20 A. M. Same signals. One session.
- 12:30 P. M. Same signals. No school in afternoon.
- Police Call 1—1—1.
- Boy Scouts—10 blasts.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE, 1938

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town  
of Merrimac:

Nursing visits made .....	1126
Maternity cases .....	5
Visits made .....	41



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Child welfare visits .....	194
Scabies .....	3
Visits made .....	5
Impetigo .....	9
Visits made .....	5
Chicken pox .....	54
Whooping cough .....	3
Phlebitis .....	1
Visits made .....	19
Heart (angina pectoris) .....	2
Visits made .....	203
Cancer .....	1
Visits made .....	60
Surgical cases .....	4
Visits made .....	23
Brights disease .....	4
Visits made .....	29
Asthma .....	1
Visits made .....	50
Fractures .....	3
Visits made .....	62
Chronics .....	8
Visits made .....	182
Tumor .....	1
Visits made .....	42
La Grippe .....	1
Visits made .....	6
Streptococcus .....	5
Visits made .....	31
Pneumonia .....	1
Visits made .....	4

Insane .....	1
Visits made .....	11
Scarlet fever .....	3
Examined all pupils in all schools for seven days for scarlet fever.	
Accompanied school pupils to Haverhill for glasses .....	3
Accompanied school children home .....	14
Accompanied patient to Dr.'s office in Haverhill .....	4

The clinics for immunizing children for the prevention of diphtheria were held at Centre School on May 4-25, June 15, July 6, giving toxoid treatments to 26 children. Also on October 13, November 3-23 toxoid was given to 18 children. The treatments were given by Dr. Davis, school physician.

On April 14 the clinics to administer the Von Pirquet tests was held at Junior and Senior High Schools.

On April 18, arm readings.

April 22, X-rays for 22 school pupils, all x-rays were negative, therefore did not have any physical examinations.

Accompanied two school children to Amesbury for X-rays.

November 30, Miss Vera Griffin, Field Secretary Essex County Health Association visited.

Early in the fall Miss Babb, State Department of Public Health and I planned for a talk on cancer control which was given in Town Hall on November 21 by Mr. Bradley, Epidemiologist, Dr. Frederick Medinger and Miss Hurley, all of the State Department of Public Health. Representatives from all local organizations were invited to be present. During the year a local doctor will be invited to speak on cancer control before each organization or group.

Very truly,

JEAN K. BADASHAW,

Health Nurse.

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSION

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

We hereby submit a report of some of the most important developments in this department during the year of 1938.

During the year we have received the map and blue prints of Locust Grove cemetery which have been of great help in locating all the different lots.

It has been impossible the past year to make as many improvements in any of the cemeteries on account of lack of funds; the appropriation of only five hundred dollars for the care of the three cemeteries is hardly enough since the size of "Locust Grove" has increased considerably, and we have been obliged to rely on the Contingent Fund to help us out, but this amount was only a little over one half of the previous year, and will be still less in 1939.

While it has been our desire to give the Perpetual Care lots the usual amount of work during the year, again we were troubled with not enough money on account of the small interest on the funds; several of these lots had only a little over a dollar left over from 1937.

It has been the custom in the past to deposit in the Perpetual Care fund usually one hundred dollars for the care of a lot, but at the present rate of interest it is not enough for the proper care of these large lots.

We will endeavor to give the cemeteries our best efforts the coming year, although working under the same disadvantages of the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY A. MORGAN,  
WILBUR W. COLBY,  
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,  
Cemetery Trustees.



## JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the year 1938 was prepared by the Merrimac Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4 of the General Laws and adopted June 20, 1938.

Charles H. Bishop, Woodland Street, chef.  
Arthur D. Bridge, Union Street, laborer.  
Charles E. Bridges, Prospect Street, auto worker.  
Frederick F. Calnan, Pine Street, salesman.  
George K. Clark, Merrimac Street, salesman.  
Clarence W. Crosby, Main Street, carpenter.  
William G. Dwyer, Locust Street, shoe cutter.  
George M. Eaton, Summer Street, auto worker.  
Fred W. George, Grove Street, retired.  
Thomas C. Greeley, High Street, auto worker.  
William H. Goldsmith, Nichols Street, teamster.  
Burton E. Goodrich, Locust Street, clerk.  
E. Clifton Hargraves, Currier Avenue, store keeper.  
Frank R. Haskell, Pleasant Street, Merrimacport, farmer.  
James L. Howe, Church Street, plumber.  
Harold C. Lord, Grove Street, salesman.  
William J. MacDougall, Orchard Street, auto worker.  
William H. Rafferty, Attitash District, shoe worker.  
Alden B. Morse, Main Street, foreman.  
John S. Pease, Locust Grove Avenue, trimmer.  
Joseph E. Salome, East Main Street, store keeper.  
George L. Sargent, Bear Hill, farmer.  
Charles A. Staples, Church Street, clerk.  
Chester W. Streeter, Mechanic Street, steamfitter.  
John E. Trull, Lincoln Street, chauffeur.  
Edson C. Walker, Birch Meadow, farmer.

## REPORT OF JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Janitor of the Town Hall for the year 1938, I respectfully submit the following report:

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Total number of one hundred and eighteen openings (four paid \$48.00) (one hundred and fourteen unpaid divided as follows, viz.:

Merrimac High School, basketball practice, graduation and reception .....	47
Junior High School, basketball practice and graduation .....	23
Center School, basketball practice, exercises and rehearsals .....	7
High School Dances .....	3
M. H. S. Freshman Dance .....	1
High School Carnival .....	1
Center School Play .....	1
Public Schools, Memorial Day exercises .....	1
Junior H. S. Prom .....	1
Public Schools, Puppet Show .....	1
Parent-Teachers Association .....	1
Firemen's Dance .....	1
Essex Co. W. R. C. and G. A. R. meetings .....	2
American Legion Dances .....	10
Town Caucus .....	1
Annual Town Meeting .....	1
Special Town Meetings .....	5
State Primaries .....	1
State Election .....	1
Setting up booths and rails .....	4
Cancer clinic .....	1

Unpaid openings ..... 114

Paid Openings—(four):

American Legion, entertainment (\$12.00 pd.) .....	1
Church of Nativity, entertainment ( 12.00 pd.) .....	1
Republican Rally ( 12.00 pd.) .....	1
Democratic Rally ( 12.00 pd.) .....	1

Total openings ..... 118

Received by Janitor for services for above openings .....\$212.00

Received by Janitor for 1938 salary for Town Office service 120.00

Total paid for 1938 Janitor service .....\$334.00

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW O. NICOL,

Janitor of Town Hall.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year 1938.

#### *Recapitulation*

Town Appropriations .....	\$125,338.50
Overlay deficits, 1935 .....	1,764.57
1932 .....	1.00
1933 .....	155.00
1934 .....	1,533.71
Old Age Abatements .....	92.00
State Tax .....	2,442.50
Auditing Tax .....	35.54
State Parks and Reservations .....	81.80
County Tax .....	2,838.57
Available funds .....	8,925.00
Overlay .....	2,083.16
	<hr/> \$145,291.35

#### *Estimated Receipts*

Income Tax .....	\$ 9,530.24
Corporation Tax .....	18.48
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	3,838.77
Licenses .....	1,729.50



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Fines .....	180.00
Grants and Gifts .....	1.90
Special Assessments .....	123.15
General Government .....	702.00
Protection of Persons and Property .....	98.71
Health and Sanitation .....	762.82
Charities .....	11,813.61
Soldiers Benefits .....	160.00
Schools .....	3,918.86
Libraries .....	115.63
Interest .....	1,971.87
Veterans Exemptions .....	98.28
Special Machinery .....	2,095.30

## Available Funds:

Light Department .....	4,000.00
Tax Titles .....	6,000.00
Sale of Lots .....	325.00
Transfers (Sept. 8, 1937) .....	3,500.00
Transfers (Sept. 28, 1937) .....	2,200.00
Transfers (Dec. 7, 1937) .....	2,900.00

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Total Deductions .....\$ 56,084.12

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Net Amount Raised by Taxation .....\$ 89,207.23

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Tax on 674 Polls .....\$ 1,348.00

Total Valuation \$1,722,730.00. Tax Rate \$51.00 .....\$ 87,859.23

## *Abatements Made in 1938*

On Levy of 1935 .....	\$ 1,017.32
On Levy of 1936 .....	550.26
On Levy of 1937 .....	110.68
On Levy of 1938 .....	1,387.00

## *Table of Aggregates*

Value of Real Estate .....	\$1,623,060.00
Value of Personal Property .....	99,670.00

Number of Horses .....	46
Number of Cows .....	212
Other Cattle .....	42
Number of Fowl .....	1950
Number of Houses .....	719
Acres of Land .....	4840
Number of Motor Vehicles Registered .....	691
Amount of Excise Tax Committed .....	\$ 4,681.61

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE CHILD,  
GEORGE B. CROFUT,  
W. HAROLD WHITING,

Assessors.

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

1935.

*Real Estate, Personal, Poll and Moth*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 90,753.67	
To interest and costs received .....	1,841.75	
		<hr/> \$ 92,595.42

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 80,509.98	
By abatements .....	4,614.68	
Tax title taken .....	3,016.61	
Added to tax titles .....	4,281.75	
By uncollected .....	172.40	
		<hr/> \$ 92,595.42

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1935

## *Motor Vehicle, Excise*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 3,008.95	
Interest and costs received .....	90.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,099.30

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 2,772.88	
By abatements .....	308.98	
By uncollected .....	17.44	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,099.30

1936

## *Real Estate and Personal*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 87,981.63	
To interest and costs received .....	1,215.37	
	<hr/>	\$ 89,197.00

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 76,782.61	
By abatements .....	3,958.61	
Tax title added .....	6,245.63	
Tax titles taken .....	1,763.37	
By uncollected .....	446.78	
	<hr/>	\$ 89,197.00



## MERRIMAC

1936

*Moth*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 207.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 207.25

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 175.20	
By abatements .....	5.40	
Added to tax titles .....	9.20	
By uncollected .....	17.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 207.25

1936

*Motor Vehicle Excise*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 3,575.20	
To interest received .....	45.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,620.55

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 3,137.03	
By abatements .....	226.16	
By uncollected .....	257.36	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,620.55

1936

*Poll*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 1,470.00	
To interest received .....	28.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,498.15

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Cr.

By cash paid Treasurer .....	\$ 1,278.15	
By abatements .....	2.00	
By uncollected .....	2 18.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,498.15

1937

*Motor Vehicle Excise*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 4,398.36	
To interest received .....	43.15	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,441.51

Cr.

By cash paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$ 3,668.38	
By abatements .....	267.42	
By uncollected .....	505.71	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,441.51

1937

*Poll*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 1,336.00	
To interest received .....	5.18	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,341.18

Cr.

By cash paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$ 911.18	
By abatements .....	10.00	
By uncollected .....	420.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,341.18

## MERRIMAC

1937

*Real Estate, Personal and Moth*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 80,498.31	
To interest received .....	455.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 80,953.81

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 56,786.97	
Tax titles added .....	7,067.22	
By abatements .....	1,775.25	
By uncollected .....	15,324.37	
	<hr/>	\$ 80,953.81

1938

*Real Estate, Personal and Moth*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 87,972.36	
To interest received .....	29.05	
	<hr/>	\$ 88,001.41

Cr.

By cash paid to Town Treasurer .....	\$ 50,079.40	
Added to tax titles .....	369.73	
By abatements .....	1,010.82	
By uncollected .....	36,541.46	
	<hr/>	\$ 88,001.41



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1938

*Motor Vehicle Excise*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 4,681.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,681.61

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 4,053.61	
By abatements .....	182.55	
By uncollected .....	445.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,681.61

1938

*Poll*

Dr.

Tax Warrant .....	\$ 1,358.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,358.00

Cr.

By cash paid Town Treasurer .....	\$ 746.00	
By uncollected .....	612.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,358.00

Respectully submitted,

FRED C. TWOMBLY,

Collector of Taxes.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses in the past year:

Number of barns inspected .....	49
Number of cattle inspected .....	242
Number of swine inspected .....	64
Number of bulls inspected .....	8
Number of goats inspected .....	22

### Inspection of slaughtering

Hogs .....	10
Veals .....	4
Milk licenses issued .....	17
Oleomargarine licenses issued .....	2

Respectfully submitted,

FRED H. G. CHASE,

Inspector of Milk,  
Inspector of Animals,  
Inspector of Slaughtering.

## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit the annual report for the year 1938:

*Births*

Number of Births returned .....	22
Males .....	9
Females .....	13
Father, Native born .....	21
Mother, Native born .....	21
Father and Mother, both Native born .....	20
Father and Mother, both Foreign born .....	0
Mixed parentage .....	2

*Marriages*

Number of Marriages recorded .....	32
First Marriage of Groom .....	29
First Marriage of Bride .....	27
Grooms, Native born .....	30
Brides, Native born .....	31
Grooms, Foreign born .....	2
Brides, foreign born .....	1
Average Age of Groom .....	27 years, 10 months, 26 days
Average Age of Bride .....	24 years, 4 months, 3 days

*Deaths*

Number of Deaths recorded .....	22
Males .....	9
Females .....	13
Under 5 years .....	0
Males, Native born .....	5
Females, Native born .....	12
Males, Foreign born .....	3
Females, Foreign born .....	1
Of Native Parentage .....	11
Of Mixed Parentage .....	1
Average Age .....	68 years, 11 months, 24 days
Oldest Person .....	93 years, 1 month, 5 days



*Licenses*

Number of Dogs licensed .....	102
Males .....	97
Females .....	5
Sporting Licenses issued .....	111
Minors Sporting Licenses issued .....	18

Respectfully submitted,

C. HOWARD PHILLIPS,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

Satisfactory interest rates on loans in anticipation of taxes were secured throughout the year. In this connection it is interesting to compare the amounts expended for interest in the years 1929, 1932, and 1938.

1929 .....	\$ 956.96
1932 .....	2,605.04
1938 .....	135.54

Every possible assistance has been, and will be extended to those property owners whose property is in tax title. As there are certain statutory requirements with which the treasurer must comply it is hoped that those desiring to redeem will endeavor to cooperate to the end that foreclosure may be avoided.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEY,

Town Treasurer.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their thirty-fifth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1938.

Nine services have been added during the year, making a total of 957 lighting services and 15 Power Stations now installed.

Estimates under Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws.

*Estimate of Expense*

Gross Expense of Operating .....	\$ 26,000.00
Depreciation (3% on \$79,041.76) .....	2,371.25
	—————\$ 28,371.25

*Estimated Income*

From Private Consumers .....	\$ 26,500.00
From Municipal Buildings .....	569.12
From Street Lights .....	3,776.42
	—————\$ 30,845.54

*Cost of Constructions*

Substation Equipment .....	\$ 500.00
Poles, Fixtures, and Overhead Conductors ....	44,709.30
Meters .....	10,342.92
Transformers .....	16,472.12
Street Lighting Equipment .....	5,016.44
Transportation Equipment .....	2,000.98
	—————\$ 79,041.76

*Expended for Construction*

Construction and Materials .....	\$ 4,725.48
Meters .....	575.50
Transformers .....	287.76
Street Lighting Equipment .....	111.64
	—————\$ 5,700.38

*Expended for Operating Expenses*

Electric Energy Purchased .....	\$ 16,365.12
Station Wages .....	595.00
Rent of Station .....	350.00
Operation & Maintenance of Trans. & Dist. Lines .....	3,514.42
Meter & Transformer Operation .....	6.47
Street Light Maintenance & Operation .....	178.14
Commercial Salaries & Expenses .....	422.50
Salaries of Light Board and Manager .....	1,293.48
Office Salary .....	1,166.00
General Office Supplies and Expenses .....	679.60
Insurance .....	339.15
Truck Expense .....	255.07
Misc. General Expense .....	83.56
	<hr/> \$ 25,248.51

Total Expended for Construction and  
Maintenance .....\$ 30,948.89

Notes Receivable .....	\$ 2,894.00
Consumers Deposits Returned .....	155.00
Returned to Town .....	4,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 7,049.00

Total Expenditures .....\$ 37,997.89

*Balance Sheet*

## Construction &amp; Operating Fund.

Jan. 1, 1938 .....	\$ 2,464.63
Depreciation Fund. Jan. 1, 1938 .....	20,162.48
Reserve Fund. Jan. 1, 1938 .....	1,924.25
Received from Light & Power Sales .....	29,285.05
Received from Misc. Sales .....	902.93
Received from Town Appropriations .....	4,993.43



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Interest Income .....	520.32	
Consumers Deposits .....	230.00	
		—————\$ 60,483.09

Construction Materials & Renewals .....	\$ 5,700.38	
Maintenance & Operating Expense .....	25,248.51	
Consumers Deposits Returned .....	155.00	
Notes Receivable .....	2,894.00	
Returned to Town .....	4,000.00	
Depreciation Fund. Jan. 1, 1939 .....	20,682.80	
Construction & Operating Fund. Jan. 1, 1939	1,802.40	
		—————\$ 60,483.09

Municipal Light Board,

JOHN MARSHALL,  
GEORGE F. WILDE,  
IRVINE G. BURBECK.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their thirty-fifth annual report.

Four services were installed during the year, making a total of 779 services installed, 686 services of which are active and 93 services inactive.

### *Estimates for the Ensuing Year*

Gross expenses of operating .....	\$ 9,500.00	
Constructions .....	1,500.00	
		—————\$ 11,000.00

### *Estimated Income*

Water Rates .....	\$ 10,500.00	
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,000.00	
		—————\$ 11,500.00

## MERRIMAC

*Expended for Constructions*

Pumping Equipment .....	\$ 2,843.13
Materials and Labor .....	940.68
	<hr/> \$ 3,783.81

*Expended for Maintenance*

Maintenance, Material and Labor .....	\$ 2,523.78
Fuel .....	2,590.22
Station Supplies and Expense .....	672.21
Station Wage .....	1,231.50
Salary of Superintendent and Commission ....	869.68
Office Salary .....	530.00
Office Expense .....	387.60
Truck Expense .....	207.12
Insurance .....	343.21
Miscellaneous .....	83.01
	<hr/> \$ 9,438.33

Total Expended for Constructions  
and Maintenance .....\$ 13,222.14

## MONTHLY REPORT OF PUMPING STATION

	Gallons Pumped	Hours Pumped
January .....	5,327,925	238
February .....	4,582,500	154
March .....	5,260,000	180
April .....	4,540,000	140
May .....	5,192,000	149
June .....	5,620,000	164
July .....	5,490,000	155
August .....	6,290,000	180
September .....	5,648,000	174
October .....	4,850,000	141
November .....	4,769,992	130
December .....	4,670,000	135

Total Gallons ..... 62,240,417

*Balance Sheet*

General Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1938 .....	\$ 1,733.54
Water Rates Collected .....	10,398.02
Misc. Income .....	1,128.84
Water Lien Account .....	42.00
	<hr/> \$ 13,302.40

Expended for Constructions .....	\$ 3,783.81
Expended for Maintenance .....	9,438.33
General Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1939 .....	80.26
	<hr/> \$ 13,302.40

Board of Water Commissioners,

GEORGE F. WILDE,  
JOHN MARSHALL,  
CHAS. A. LANCASTER.

## COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

Chairman, Board of Public Welfare

Merrimac, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your request, we send herewith the value of surplus commodities distributed to the Town of Merrimac during the year 1938.

Food .....	\$ 13,369.24
Clothing .....	5,955.00
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Total .....	\$ 19,324.24

The quantity of commodities distributed is as follows:

Rice—10,196 lbs.

Butter—2,773 lbs.

Fresh Pears—1,008 lbs.

Dried Apples—1,464 lbs.



Eggs—55 doz.	Fresh Carrots—3,847 lbs.
Dry Milk—159 lbs.	Frozen Fish—3,000 lbs.
Prunes—6,991 lbs.	Flour, white—34,188 lbs.
Oranges—46,430 lbs.	Raisins—5,152 lbs.
Potatoes, white—41,199 lbs.	Tomatoes, fresh—4,257 lbs.
Fresh Apples—3,350 lbs.	Potato Starch—1,000 lbs.
Dried Peas—2,500 lbs.	Fresh Beets—7,606 lbs.
Sweet Potatoes—15,700 lbs.	Plums—1,728 lbs.
Shortening—3,740 lbs.	Graham Flour—7,203 lbs.
Celery—5,272 lbs.	Cracked Wheat—2,156 lbs.
Peas, canned—2,184 cans.	Grapefruit Juice—3,196 cans.
Dried Beans—8,204 lbs.	Evaporated Milk—1,401 cans.
Cabbage—33,444 lbs.	Corn Meal—2,438 lbs.

### CLOTHING

Combinations .....	306
Diapers .....	891
Dresses—Girls' .....	1,003
Dresses—Women's .....	774
Nightgowns—Girls' .....	564
Nightgowns—Women's .....	552
Nightshirts—Men's .....	94
Pajamas—Men's & Young Men's .....	150
Pajamas—Children's .....	339
Pajamas—Women's & Misses .....	112
Pillow Cases .....	23
Sheets .....	4
Rompers .....	27
Shirts—Men's & Boys' .....	1,139
Slips .....	731
Dungarees—Men's & Young Men's .....	242
Dungarees—Boys' .....	31
Pants—Boys' .....	91
Pants—Men's & Young Men's .....	217
Bloomers—Girls' .....	347
Bloomers—Women's .....	12
Layettes .....	15
Shorts .....	858
Blouses—Women's & Girls' .....	72

Blouses—Jersey—Women's & Girls' .....	12
Skirts .....	96
Suits—Cotton—Boys' .....	207
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Total .....	8,909 pieces

Trusting that this information will prove of some interest to you, we remain

Yours very truly,

JOHN C. STALKER,

Director of Commodity Distribution.

### MEMORANDUM

#### Commodity Distribution:

The Merrimac Commodity Distribution Office of Federal food and clothing in Merrimac is sponsored by the Welfare Board. The operation of the W.P.A. sewing unit in Merrimac is considered as being a governing factor as to the amount of clothing allotted Merrimac from the district depots of Federal Commodities.

J. Duncan Howe and Wendell Harvey assigned by the State W.P.A. office have charge of the distribution of these surplus commodities.

#### Summary of values represented:

##### Federal contributions, 1938:

Value of food .....	\$ 13,369.24
Value of clothing .....	5,955.00
Payroll of two W.P.A. employees .....	1,510.00
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	\$ 20,834.24

##### Town contributions, 1938:

Cost of operating Commissary .....	\$ 1,032.95
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Cost of operating Sewing Unit .....	2,063.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,096.20
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		\$ 23,930.44

(Detail of Town costs in Town Accountant's Report)

Of the \$3,096.20 contribution by the Town for the operation of these two projects, the sum of \$1,816.17 was in the form of cash payments by the Town of Merrimac to the Treasurer of the United States.

As the above values do not include a retail profit as against what these commodities would cost if purchased at retail prices it can be readily seen that the value of food and clothing commodities distributed in 1938 in Merrimac represented retail values of over \$25,000.00.

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,

Co-Ordinator of Relief Projects.

### REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby report that I have caught, confined and disposed of the number of dogs listed below, since taking office June 21, 1938.

Males:

July 23, 1938 .....	\$ 4.00
July 27, 1938 .....	4.00
August 8, 1938 .....	4.00
August 10, 1938 .....	1.00
August 11, 1938 .....	4.00
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	\$ 17.00



## Females:

September 18, 1938 .....	3.00	
	<hr/>	3.00
Total amount .....	\$	20.00

I sold one dog for \$1.00, which I turned over to the Town Treasurer, and returned two dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH E. HASKELL,

Dog Officer.

## REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

Your Playground Commission submit the following report of what has been done during the year 1938-9.

The delapidated and unsightly backstop has been replaced by a mesh wire backstop. The foul guard, and score board were rebuilt. The cement cover to the drinking fountain shut off was replaced.

We purchased new homeplate and pitchers slabs and 3 base bags. The ball diamond was rolled just prior to the opening of the baseball season.

Early in the spring 500 red and white pines were set out in the south-western section of the playground. These trees were donated by town forest committee and were set out at no expense by a voluntary committee.

As is well known our playground commission has been confronted with a bill in equity brought by Mrs. Nina C. Reynolds naming the Commission and through us the Town of Merrimac, as

defendants. The case is still pending. Money has been obtained by special town meeting to meet the necessities of the case.

We, of the Commission have done all we can to meet this trouble fairly and squarely and are hoping for an early and satisfactory settlement for all concerned.

Because of complaints received the Commission has had signs posted stating the vote of the Town of Merrimac prohibiting Sunday sports at the playground.

We publicly thank Mr. Battis for mowing the playground from time to time during the summer. We also thank all others who have aided us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. FOWLE,  
WILLARD T. KELLY,  
HERBERT E. WHITING,  
ELMER T. GRANT,  
BURTON C. LAFAVOR,

Playground Commission.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To January 1, 1939

To the Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

There were set 10,000 trees the past year, making 112,000 trees set in the Town Forest to date.

\$300.00 was voted for forest work the past year.

Labor setting trees .....	\$	123.80
Labor cutting lanes and 12 acres of brush ....		131.45
Supervising cutting of wood .....		26.50

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Express .....	7.10	
3 machetes, Collins and Co. ....	6.60	
6 mattocks and handles .....	4.40	
		\$ 299.85
Balance not used .....	\$ .15	

14 cords cut in Forest January 1, 1938

210 cords cut during year

224

Sold town 109 cords .....	\$ 436.00	
On hand 215 cords		
Trees for roadside planting 14 .....	28.00	
Credit—balance from last year .....	1,657.27	
		\$ 2,121.27

Purchase of Currier lot 1937 .....	200.00	
Purchase of Battis lot 1938 .....	150.00	
		350.00

Total balance .....\$ 1,771.27

The committee asks for \$500.00 this year. There is much work that should be done right away to keep our forest up to date. The balance we have on hand after paying for all land taken and expenses incurred by the town. We are sure our forest should have the best care possible.

The hurricane damage was considerable. We have from 30,000 to 50,000 ft. in lumber which the government will take and pay us for in a project to be carried out in the next few months. We shall have to have the brush taken care of to prevent a serious fire hazard. The most serious damage was done in the rear of Winter Street and on a part of the lot at the Pumping Station. The town of Russell, Massachusetts, has increased its forest to 3,000 acres and expect in a few years to receive enough revenue from it to pay all its taxes. The oldest Town Forest in America is in Newington, New Hampshire, established in 1710. This forest has supplied all the fuel wood and building lumber for the town for two and one quarter centuries.



In the Readers' Digest of January 1939 is an article on Town Forests that pay. Read it. Take time this year to visit our forest and see the growth made by the trees set the past years.

FRANK N. RAND,  
JAMES T. COLGAN,  
DANIEL C. DOUST,

Merrimac Town Forest Committee.

### REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

We as Trustees of Kimball Park submit the following report:

#### *Active Account*

Received:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1938 .....	None	
Received from Weed Fund .....	\$ 50.00	
Received from Kimball Fund .....	22.50	
	—————\$	72.50

Expended:

Care of Grounds .....	70.00	
R. N. Hoyt (Plants) .....	2.50	
	—————\$	72.50

#### *Trust Funds*

Balance Weed Fund Jan. 1, 1938 .....	\$ 2,001.25	
Balance Kimball Fund Jan. 1, 1938 .....	1,054.77	
Interest Weed Fund 1938 .....	50.34	
Interest Kimball Fund 1938 .....	26.52	
	—————\$	3,132.88

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Withdrawn Weed Fund .....	\$ 50.00
Withdrawn Kimball Fund .....	22.50
Balance Weed Fund Jan. 1, 1939 .....	2,001.59
Balance Kimball Fund Jan. 1, 1939 .....	1,058.79
	—————\$ 3,132.88

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. KIRKPATRICK,  
ALDEN B. MORSE,  
CHARLES A. FOLLANSBEE,

Trustees Kimball Park.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The annual report of the Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1938 is herewith presented.

Number of days open during the year .....	148
Number of hours open each week except during July and August .....	16
Number of hours open each week during July and August .....	9

Circulation:

January .....	1638
February .....	1673
March .....	2031
April .....	1722
May .....	1173
June .....	1194
July .....	1252
August .....	1275
September .....	1279

October .....	1538
November .....	1575
December .....	1634

Total 17,984, of which 1913 were non-fiction.

Fines collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer amounted to \$98.00.

The financial report is included in the report of the Town Accountant, as in previous years.

The accessories by purchase numbered 344, and we gratefully acknowledge receipt of gift volumes from the following sources:

American Tobacco Co. ....	1
Hon. Colin J. Cameron .....	9
Miss Abbie Clement .....	2
John Deere and Co. ....	1
Mr. Clifford R. Howe .....	3
Mrs. Harry S. Lowd .....	4
Aline Brothier Morris Fund .....	1
National Peace Conference .....	1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts .....	5
Hon. Albert P. Wadleigh .....	1
Total accessions .....	372

#### Magazines:

By purchase .....	24
By gift .....	3

During the last three months of the year, the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts deposited a number of non-fiction books in the Library. Additional loans of this nature are expected this year and we recommend a generous use of them to our patrons.



Your trustees recommend an appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the year 1939, the same as the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN F. HEATH,  
ABBIE W. SARGENT,  
HARRIET J. DAVIS,  
JOHN B. JUDKINS,  
MINNIE S. HALE,  
ETHEL B. WHITING.

Trustees of Public Library.

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

House and building inspections .....	102
Factory .....	2
Gas Stations .....	13
Wiring found defective .....	6
Neon Signs .....	9
Building rewired for safety .....	1
Entrance changes .....	14
Inspections caused by hurricane .....	65

The large number of entrance changes was due to hurricane damage.

Respectfully submitted,

I. G. BURBECK,

Inspector of Wires.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby present the Annual Report of the Town Accountant in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 60, of the General Laws. I have also presented all such financial matters as may be of general interest.

I wish to express herewith my appreciation to all the Town Officials for their courteous co-operation extended to me this past year. I wish at this time to thank you as a Board for your extreme kindness to me during my illness this past summer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. HAROLD WHITING,

Town Accountant.

## RECEIPTS—GENERAL

Taxes:

Current Year—

Poll, Personal, Real Estate ....\$ 50,750.23

Previous Years—

1937 Poll, Personal, Real

Estate ..... 11,556.90

1936 Poll, Personal, Real

Estate ..... 13,477.89

1935 Poll, Personal, Real

Estate ..... 395.68

—————\$ 76,180.70

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## From Commonwealth:

## Special State Taxes—

Income Tax .....	\$ 4,026.38
Income Tax Acts 1936 .....	243.83
Corporation Tax .....	2,250.31
Corporation Gas and Electric .....	119.51
Veterans Exemptions .... ..	142.47
State Aid .....	170.00
Corporation Tax B .....	72.88
Income Tax .....	4,643.20
	<hr/> \$ 11,668.58

Tax Titles redeemed ..... 3,861.05

Total from Taxes .....\$ 91,710.33

## Licenses and Permits; Fines and Forfeits:

Liquor .....	\$ 1,305.00
All other .....	166.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,471.00

## Fines and Forfeits—

Court Fines ..... 97.60

Total from Licenses, Permits, Fines and Forfeits \$ 1,568.60

## Grants and Gifts—

State Massachusetts School Fund .....	\$ 3,447.78
Dog Licenses .....	135.14

Total from Grants and Gifts .....\$ 3,582.92

## Privileges—

Motor Excise 1938 .....	\$ 4,053.61
Motor Excise 1937 .....	1,098.39
Motor Excise 1936 .....	485.18
Motor Excise 1935 .....	16.89

Total from Privileges .....\$ 5,654.07



## Special Assessments—

Moth 1935 .....	\$ 2.00
Moth 1936 .....	44.80
Moth 1937 .....	13.05
Moth 1938 .....	48.65

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Total from Special Assessments .....\$ 108.50

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Total from General Revenue .....\$102,624.42

## RECEIPTS—COMMERCIAL REVENUE

## General Government:

Rent of Hall .....	\$ 48.00
Rent of Offices .....	668.00
	<hr/> \$ 716.00

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealers Fees .....	43.59
Dep. Public Works Div. High.	19.30
Inspector Animals Comm. Mass.	50.00
	<hr/> 112.89

## Board of Health:

Comm. of Massachusetts .....	118.57
Life Insurance Co. ....	74.20
	<hr/> 192.77

## Highways:

State Ch. 81 .....	3,044.09
Town Hire Road Machinery ....	1,721.40
Comm. Chapter 498 .....	4,000.00
Comm. Chapter 500 .....	1,400.00
	<hr/> 10,165.49

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## Schools:

Sale of Typewriter .....	17.00	
Central Scientific .....	27.96	
Newton Tuition .....	192.00	
Comm. Tuition .....	2.64	
Comm. Mass. Supt. Small Towns .....	483.33	
	<hr/>	722.93

## Charities:

State Temporary Aid .....	4,817.31	
State Old Age .....	13,165.76	
State Mothers Aid .....	561.00	
State Fed. Relief .....	93.26	
Cities and Town Temp. Aid ....	1,614.34	
Cities and Towns Old Age .....	308.78	
Individuals Old Age .....	61.95	
Individuals Welfare .....	36.00	
State Aid Individual Persons ..	318.70	
Soldiers Relief from Welfare ..	5.70	
Old Age U. S. ....	17,663.54	
Old Age Admx. U. S. ....	588.74	
Aid to Dep. Children, U. S. ....	476.27	
	<hr/>	39,711.35

## Public Library:

Fines .....	98.00	
Trust Funds .....	940.52	
	<hr/>	1,038.52

## Kimball Park:

Trust Funds .....	72.50	
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## Cemeteries:

Sale of Lots .....	275.00	
Perpetual Care Funds .....	1,845.91	
	<hr/>	2,120.91

## Public Service Enterprises:

## Light and Water Departments—

## Light—

Sale of Light .....	26,416.86	
Sale of Power .....	6,783.07	
Miscellaneous Sales .....	1,981.48	
Consumers Deposits .....	230.00	
Withdrawn from Reserve Fund .....	1,924.25	
	<hr/>	37,335.66

## Water—

Meter Rates .....	10,398.02	
Miscellaneous Sales .....	1,128.84	
	<hr/>	11,526.86

## Interest:

Taxes 1938 .....	26.42	
Taxes 1937 .....	301.94	
Taxes 1936 .....	671.92	
Taxes 1935 .....	41.03	
Costs 1935 .....	.70	
Costs 1936 .....	4.45	
Releases .....	11.00	
Interest and costs Tax Titles	468.83	
	<hr/>	1,526.29

Total Commercial Revenue .....\$105,242.17

# RECEIPTS—NON REVENUE AND MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

## Temporary Loans (In Anticipation of

Revenue) .....	\$ 62,000.00
Dog Licenses .....	200.40
Tax Titles Loans .....	14,750.00

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WPA Ch. 58 Acts 1938 Loan .....	3,000.00
Snow and Washout Ch. 44 Sec. 6a Loan .....	1,500.00
Chapter 90 Sec. 6a Loan .....	1,500.00
Chapter 81 Sec. 6a Loan .....	1,600.00
Gamewell Co. Credit returned to Fire Dept.	1.99
Collectors refunds on deeds from Registry ....	29.82
Bond Premium .....	3.00
Interest on Bond Premium .....	.73
Insurance Refund .....	33.75
Reimbursement on Ch. 81 Road Maintenance Loan .....	611.06

Total Non Revenue and Miscellaneous .....\$ 85,230.75

Total from General Revenue, Commercial Revenue, and Non-Revenue .....	\$293,097.34
Cash Balance January 1, 1938 .....	8,439.10
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	\$301,536.44

## EXPENDITURES—GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### Legislative:

Salary, Moderator .....	\$ 12.00
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	\$ 12.00

### Selectmen's Department:

Chairman .....	450.00
Clerk .....	125.00
Other Member .....	100.00
Transportation .....	95.51
Printing and Postage .....	211.53
Other Expenses .....	76.00
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	1,058.04

### Welfare Department:

Chairman .....	200.00
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Clerk .....	200.00	
Other Member .....	100.00	
	<hr/>	500.00
Old Age Assistance Bureau:		
Chairman .....	183.34	
Clerk .....	275.00	
Other Member .....	91.68	
Printing and Postage .....	5.07	
	<hr/>	555.09
WPA Co-Ordinator:		
Salary .....	400.00	
	<hr/>	400.00
Accounting Department:		
Salary .....	1,267.30	
Printing and Postage .....	138.34	
Other Expense .....	19.36	
	<hr/>	1,425.00
Treasurer's Department:		
Salary .....	350.00	
Certification Notes .....	30.00	
Office Supplies .....	8.91	
Printing, Postage .....	190.70	
Legal fees filing petitions, Tax Title procedure .....	456.09	
	<hr/>	1,035.70
Registrars:		
Salary .....	112.50	
	<hr/>	112.50
Law Department:		
Town Counsel fees .....	75.00	
	<hr/>	75.00
Election Officers:		
Salary .....	204.00	
	<hr/>	204.00

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## Assessor's Department:

Salary, chairman .....	275.00
Salary, clerk .....	187.50
Other Member .....	187.50
Printing, Postage .....	68.29

718.29

## Town Clerk:

Salary .....	225.00
Recording fees .....	9.75
Other Expenses .....	37.81

272.56

## Vital Statistics:

Fees for year 1938 .....	68.50
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68.50

## Bonding Town Officers:

Light & Water Coll. ....	62.33
Deputy Coll. ....	10.00
Light & Water Mgr. ....	10.00
Treasurer .....	75.00
Collector .....	150.00

307.33

## Collector's Department:

Salary 1935 .....	4.56
Salary 1936 .....	144.86
Salary 1937 .....	178.35
Salary 1938 .....	544.65
Office Supplies .....	19.61
Deeds .....	29.30
Printing, Postage .....	292.70

1,214.03

## Town Hall Repairs:

Labor .....	91.00
Stock, Materials .....	56.27

147.27

## Town Hall Maintenance:

Janitor .....	120.00	
Openings .....	212.00	
Fuel .....	311.10	
Light .....	37.10	
Repairs .....	117.69	
Telephone .....	149.68	
Other Expense .....	127.70	
Janitor's Supplies .....	33.54	
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		1,108.81

Total General Government .....\$ 9,214.12

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

## Police:

## Salary—

Chief .....	\$ 1,464.00
Night Patrol .....	1,254.00
Special Officers .....	392.00

## Other Expenses—

Special Labor .....	5.50
Matron .....	5.50
Transportation .....	209.15
Telephone .....	109.52
Meals for Prisoners .....	6.25
Express .....	.85
Posting Calls .....	16.00
Repairing Chair .....	2.00
Supplies & Equipment .....	83.53
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	3,548.30

## Fire Department:

## Salary—

Engineers .....	200.00
Supt. Fire Alarms .....	100.00

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Stewards .....	110.00
Call Men .....	2,075.00

## Other Expenses—

Special Labor .....	94.57
Posting, Printing .....	3.25
Telephone .....	51.15
Light .....	6.26
Motor Expense .....	43.60
Fuel .....	259.16
Equipment and Repairs to Equipment .....	208.51
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	3,151.50

## Forest Warden:

Labor .....	50.00
Telephone .....	10.03
Express, Water .....	5.55
Pumps .....	76.43
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	142.01

## Moth Department:

## Salary—

Superintendent .....	413.75
Other Employees .....	313.05
Horse Hire .....	43.75
Rent .....	24.00
Repairs to Sprayer .....	75.56
Equipment, Supplies .....	72.06
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	942.17

## Dog Officer:

Fees .....	100.00
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	100.00

## Tree Warden:

Labor .....	232.15
Truck Hire .....	9.00
Equipment .....	6.50
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	247.65



## Town Forest:

Labor .....	280.75	
Horse Hire .....	1.00	
Equipment, Supplies .....	11.00	
Express .....	7.10	
	<hr/>	299.85

## Inspector of Wires:

Salary .....	90.00	
	<hr/>	90.00

## Sealer of Weight and Measures:

Salary .....	90.00	
Transportation .....	20.10	
Blanks, Forms .....	14.65	
Equipment .....	3.65	
	<hr/>	128.40

## Purchase of Hose:

Hose .....	493.25	
	<hr/>	493.25

## Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Expenses for Year 1937—		
Transportation .....	18.70	
	<hr/>	18.70

Total for Protection of Persons and Property .....\$ 9,161.83

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

## Board of Health:

## Tuberculosis—

## Board and care at Essex

Sanitarium .....	\$ 328.20
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## Other Expenses—

Care of Mill St. Dump .....	156.00
Burial of Dogs .....	7.00
Burial of Cats .....	13.00
Labor Clearing Brook .....	75.00

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Printing, Postage .....	18.46	
Hire of Pump .....	3.00	
Materials, Supplies .....	11.54	
Truck Hire .....	1.50	
	<hr/>	613.70

## Health Nurse:

Salary .....	1,030.00	
Motor Expense .....	117.46	
Printing, Postage .....	1.44	
Supplies .....	1.10	
	<hr/>	1,150.00

## Inspector of Animals:

Salary .....	100.00	
	<hr/>	100.00

## Inspector of Slaughtering:

Salary .....	20.00	
	<hr/>	20.00

## Inspector of Milk:

Salary .....	20.00	
	<hr/>	20.00

Total Health and Sanitation .....\$ 1,903.70

## HIGHWAYS

## Highway and Chapter 81:

Superintendent .....	\$ 705.00	
Truck Driver .....	351.20	
Other Laborers .....	3,153.00	
Trucks .....	365.25	
Town Truck .....	1,037.00	
Town Tractor .....	254.00	
Town Road Machinery .....	18.90	
Telephone .....	31.53	
Oil, Gravel, Road Materials and Equipment .....	4,434.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 10,350.77

## Snow Removal:

Salaries and Wages .....	1,266.20	
Trucks .....	858.00	
Horse Hire .....	121.00	
Plows, Equipment .....	103.40	
Telephone .....	9.41	
Salt .....	15.00	
Sand and other Supplies .....	55.26	
	<hr/>	2,428.27

## Highway Chapter 90:

Superintendent .....	68.40	
Truck Driver .....	49.00	
Other Laborers .....	774.25	
Trucks .....	88.50	
Town Truck .....	97.00	
Road Machinery .....	7.50	
Roller .....	148.00	
Stone (Pea) .....	1,054.91	
Asphalt Top .....	712.20	
	<hr/>	2,999.76

## Storm Emergency:

Transportation .....	1.00	
Salaries and Wages .....	901.70	
Town Truck .....	50.00	
Other Trucks .....	56.50	
Misc. Equipment .....	18.40	
Repairing Roof Fire Station ....	148.00	
	<hr/>	1,175.60

## Chapter 498 Acts of 1938 Water Street:

Salaries and Wages .....	1,620.85	
Oil .....	5.69	
Town Truck .....	305.00	
Other Trucks .....	341.50	
Loader .....	10.00	
Survey .....	120.00	
Gravel, Stone, other Materials	436.32	
	<hr/>	2,839.36

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### Rocks Bridge:

Assessment for 1937 .....	995.38	
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### Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges:

Salaries and Wages .....	24.30	
Truck .....	5.00	
Railings, Supplies .....	43.15	
	<hr/>	72.45

### Street Lights:

Bill for 1937 .....	3,283.30	
	<hr/>	3,283.30

### Maintenance of Road Machinery:

Gas for Truck .....	631.50
Gas for Tractor .....	68.12
Gas for Mixer .....	9.95

### Parts for Road Machinery—

Grader .....	24.54	
Plow .....	482.41	
Tractor .....	30.81	
Truck .....	206.29	
Blades .....	19.27	
Jack .....	12.50	
Misc. Parts all .....	75.90	
	<hr/>	1,561.29

Total for Highways .....\$ 25,706.18

## CHARITIES

### Public Welfare:

Groceries and Provisions .....	7,870.30
Board and Care .....	3,835.49
Rent .....	1,585.08
Clothing .....	735.29
Fuel .....	1,338.14
Supplies and Forms .....	8.26
Cash .....	764.36



Transporting Boys C. C. C. ....	17.82	
Treasurer of U. S. ....	186.67	
All other Orders .....	454.54	
Amesbury Hospital .....	76.65	
Faulkner Hospital .....	45.50	
Homeopathic Hospital .....	5.00	
Massachusetts General .....	12.00	
Medicine, Medical Aid .....	1,712.54	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,647.64

## Mothers Aid:

Cash .....	1,070.00	
Medicine and Medical Aid ....	9.50	
Fuel .....	39.50	
	<hr/>	1,119.00

## State Aid:

Cash .....	10.00	
	<hr/>	10.00

## Mothers Aid U. S.:

Cash .....	578.14	
Fuel .....	24.25	
Medical .....	16.50	
	<hr/>	618.89

## Old Age Assistance:

Cash .....	20,674.33	
Medical .....	902.05	
Board and Care .....	107.97	
Burials .....	425.00	
Sale of Lot .....	15.00	
Refund sent to Comm. ....	62.50	
	<hr/>	22,186.85

## Old Age Assistance U. S.:

Cash .....	14,949.50	
Medical .....	2,265.37	
Board and Care .....	78.10	
	<hr/>	17,292.97

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## Soldiers Relief:

Cash .....	971.00
Clothing .....	83.41
Fuel .....	341.28
Groceries and Provisions .....	1,217.69
Rent .....	672.00
Medical .....	354.30
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	3,639.68

Total for Charities .....\$ 63,515.03

## SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY

### School Committee:

Salary .....	\$ 175.00
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	\$ 175.00

### Schools:

Total spent for year 1938	
itemized detail given in	
School report classified	
as per State requirements ....	28,412.04
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	28,412.04

### Public Library

Librarian Salary .....	500.00
Care of Grounds .....	142.40
Office Supplies .....	7.60
Books and Periodicals .....	576.17
Fuel and Light .....	303.37
Repairs .....	2.51
Janitors Supplies .....	10.74
Binders, etc. ....	35.23
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	1,578.02

Total School and Library .....\$ 30,165.06

## RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

## Purchase of Land for Town Forest:

Land purchased as per deed

from Elmer E. Battis .....	\$ 150.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 150.00

## Essex County T. B. Hospital:

Maintenance Assessment .....	706.39	
	<u>          </u>	706.39

## Printing Town Reports:

Bill for 1938 .....	296.74	
	<u>          </u>	296.74

## Playground Commission:

Legal Fees .....	100.00	
Backstop .....	90.00	
Plate and Bases .....	19.30	
Transportation .....	2.45	
Rolling Infield .....	6.00	
Labor .....	121.18	
Supplies .....	7.85	
	<u>          </u>	346.78

## Light Extension Locust and Merrimac Streets:

Installation .....	1,078.55	
	<u>          </u>	1,078.55

## Water in Town Buildings:

Bill for 1938 .....	307.29	
	<u>          </u>	307.29

## Lighting Town Buildings:

Bill for 1938 .....	631.58	
	<u>          </u>	631.58

## Memorial Day American Legion:

Band .....	92.00	
Flags .....	25.07	
Truck Hire .....	10.00	
	<u>          </u>	127.07

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## Insurance:

Treasurer .....	20.62	
Fire Boiler .....	76.75	
Moth .....	8.00	
Highway Truck .....	54.32	
Fire Truck .....	15.00	
Fire .....	243.75	
Comp. Workmen .....	539.69	
Fire .....	100.00	
Collector .....	32.50	
Blanket .....	510.39	
Tractor .....	43.82	
Pumper .....	11.03	
Truck, Tank, Boiler .....	307.27	
Truck, Nurse Car .....	11.00	
Tank .....	59.68	
Taken Real Estate Fire .....	17.50	
	<hr/>	2,051.32

## Kimball Park:

Plants .....	2.50	
Labor .....	70.00	
	<hr/>	72.50

## Cement Sidewalks Grove and Summer Streets:

First Aid .....	4.14	
Truck Hire .....	321.00	
Mixer .....	20.00	
Cement, Supplies .....	404.30	
	<hr/>	749.44

## County Tax:

County Assessment .....	2,776.86	
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## State Tax:

State Tax .....	4,760.00	
Auditing .....	35.54	
Parks and Reservations .....	69.92	
Corporation Tax .....	108.88	
	<hr/>	4,974.34



## WPA Projects:

## Administration—

Transportation .....	116.53	
Postage .....	1.97	
	<hr/>	118.50

## Commodity Distribution:

Transportation .....	431.00	
Supplies .....	168.22	
Fuel .....	15.25	
Lights .....	14.26	
Rent .....	138.00	
Labor .....	9.40	
First Aid .....	.65	
U. S. Contribution .....	69.50	
	<hr/>	846.28

## Forest:

Tools, etc. ....	47.12	
First Aid .....	4.30	
	<hr/>	51.42

## Moth No. 1:

Creosote, etc. ....	78.83	
Labor .....	15.40	
	<hr/>	94.23

## Moth No. 2:

Creosote, etc. ....	59.10	
Labor .....	75.90	
	<hr/>	135.00

## Wood Cutting:

Tools .....	5.00	
	<hr/>	5.00

## Storm:

Truck Hire .....	94.50	
	<hr/>	94.50

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## Sewing:

Contribution to U. S. Gov't. ....	1,560.00	
Transporting Goods .....	59.95	
Gasoline .....	1.25	
Rent and Light .....	238.99	
Repairs to Machinery and Supplies .....	203.06	
	<hr/>	2,063.25

## Cement Sidewalks:

Gravel .....	310.35	
Gasoline and Oil .....	143.60	
Truck Hire .....	1,721.25	
Mixer .....	58.90	
First Aid .....	4.60	
Cement and Supplies, Materials	3,171.59	
	<hr/>	5,410.29

## Farm to Market:

Truck Hire .....	2,752.85	
Gravel .....	1,162.04	
First Aid .....	10.94	
Tractor .....	55.20	
Gas and Oil .....	488.70	
Picks, Tools, etc. ....	327.64	
	<hr/>	4,797.37

Total for WPA .....\$ 13,615.84

Total for Recreation and Unclassified .....\$ 27,884.70

## ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

### Improvement and Embellishment Cemetery Lots:

Truck Hire .....\$	34.84
Sharpening Tools .....	18.75
Tools .....	1.80
Labor .....	145.60
Plants .....	39.64
Grass and Rake .....	4.05

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Pea Stone .....	34.51	
Repairing Railing .....	38.90	
Lumber .....	1.83	
	<hr/>	319.92
Cemetery Claims Prior to 1935:		
Surveying .....	134.50	
	<hr/>	134.50
Surveying Cemetery:		
Surveying .....	137.00	
	<hr/>	137.00
Cemeteries:		
Labor .....	1,141.76	
Lumber .....	3.23	
Paint .....	13.87	
Pea Stone .....	25.00	
Truck Hire .....	4.00	
Tools, Dressing, Loam .....	67.48	
	<hr/>	1,255.34
Public Service Enterprises:		
Electric Light .....	33,997.89	
Water .....	13,222.14	
	<hr/>	47,220.03
For detail see Municipal Light and Water Report.		
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Total for Enterprises and Cemetery .....		\$ 49,066.79

## INTEREST AND INDEBTEDNESS

## Interest:

Anticipation of Revenue .....	\$ 135.54	
Tax Titles .....	33.59	
Municipal Relief .....	126.00	
Highway Ch. 81 .....	2.47	
	<hr/>	\$ 297.60

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Federal Municipal Loan .....	3,600.00	
Anticipation of Revenue .....	67,000.00	
Reserved for Payment of Tax		
Title Loans .....	3,763.75	
	<u>                    </u>	74,363.75

## REFUNDS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Taxes 1938 .....	\$ 51.00
Excise 1937 .....	6.71
Excise 1938 .....	95.36
Dog Fees .....	200.40
Library Trust Funds .....	362.50
Cemetery Trust Funds .....	1,140.00
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	1,855.97

Cash Balance December 31, 1938 .....	8,401.71
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	\$301,536.44



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## TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers		Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
			In	Out				
Moderator	\$ 12.00				\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00		
Selectmen	1,175.00				1,175.00	1,058.04	\$ 116.96	
Public Welfare	500.00				500.00	500.00		
Accountant	1,425.00				1,425.00	1,425.00		
Treasurer	1,300.00				1,322.07	1,035.70		286.37
Tax Collector, 1938	1,400.00				1,400.00	886.26		513.74
Assessors	850.00				850.00	718.29		131.71
Town Clerk	275.00				275.00	272.56		2.44
Registrars	112.50				112.50	112.50		
Town Hall Maintenance	1,120.00				1,120.00	1,108.81		11.19
Town Hall Repairs	150.00				150.00	147.27		2.73
Bonding Town Officers	310.00				310.00	307.33		2.67
Election Officers	240.00				240.00	204.00		36.00
Police Department	3,550.00				3,550.00	3,548.30		1.70
Fire Department	3,200.00				3,201.99	3,151.50		50.49
Sealer of Weights & Measures	140.00				140.00	128.40		11.60
Sealers expense for 1937	18.70				18.70	18.70		
Inspector of Wiring	95.00				95.00	90.00		5.00
Dog Officer	100.00				100.00	100.00		
Moth Department	925.00				944.30	942.17		2.13
Tree Warden	250.00				250.00	247.65		2.35
Town Forest	300.00				300.00	299.85		.15

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(Continued)

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Forest Warden	150.00					150.00	142.01	7.99
Board of Health	750.00					750.00	613.70	136.30
Health Nurse	1,150.00					1,150.00	1,150.00	
Inspector of Animals	100.00					100.00	100.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering	20.00					20.00	20.00	
Inspector of Milk	20.00					20.00	20.00	
Essex County T. B. Hospital	706.39					706.39	706.39	
Highway and Chapter 81	5,750.00				4,644.09	10,394.09	10,350.77	43.32
Snow and Washouts	2,000.00				1,500.00	3,500.00	2,428.27	1,071.73
Sidewalks, Railings & Bridges	100.00					100.00	72.45	27.55
Rocks Bridge	1,175.00			\$ 179.62		995.38	995.38	
Street Lighting	3,283.30					3,283.30	3,283.30	
State Aid	250.00			240.00		10.00	10.00	
Public Welfare	18,000.00		\$ 1,000.00		33.70	19,033.70	18,647.64	386.06
Soldiers Relief	3,000.00		640.00			3,640.00	3,639.68	.32
Aid to Dependent Children or Mothers Aid	1,500.00			304.88		1,195.12	1,119.00	76.12
Old Age Assistance	20,000.00				2,535.75	22,535.75	22,186.85	348.90
School Committee	175.00					175.00	175.00	
School Department	28,250.00				163.10	28,413.10	28,412.04	1.06
Public Library	1,000.00				578.02	1,578.02	1,578.02	
Memorial Day	150.00					150.00	127.07	22.93



TABLE OF ACCOUNTS—(Continued)

	Appropriations	Balance	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
1935	200.00			65.50		134.50	134.50	
Light Extension Locust and Merrimac Sts.	1,125.00					1,125.00	1,078.55	46.45
Purchase new Hose for Fire Dept.	500.00					500.00	493.25	6.75
Playground Commission	250.00		100.00			350.00	346.78	3.22
	\$125,663.50	\$ 1,063.11	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 1,740.00	\$ 19,287.68	\$146,014.29	\$140,963.31	\$ 5,050.98



OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balance Dec. 31, 1937	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Refunds and Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance
Taxes 1938				\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.00	
Excise 1937				6.71	6.71	6.71	
Excise 1938				95.36	95.36	95.36	
State Tax	*\$ 209.21			2,668.72	2,459.51	4,974.34	*\$ 2,514.83
County Tax	* 30.85			2,838.57	2,807.72	2,776.86	30.86
Revenue Loans	25,000.00			62,000.00	87,000.00	67,000.00	20,000.00
Reserved for Payment of Tax Title Loans		\$ 42.00		3,861.05	3,819.05	3,763.75	55.30
Dog Licenses				200.40	200.40	200.40	
Tax Collector 1935	60.36				60.36	4.56	55.80
Tax Collector 1936	190.87				190.87	144.86	46.01
Tax Collector 1937	445.52				445.52	178.35	267.17
Storm Emergency				1,250.00	1,250.00	1,175.60	74.40
Highway Chapter 498				4,000.00	4,000.00	2,839.36	1,160.64
Road Machinery Maintenance		\$ 1,561.29			1,561.29	1,561.29	
Aid to Dependent Children U. S.	172.89			476.27	649.16	618.89	30.27
Old Age Admx. U. S.	409.37			588.74	998.11	555.09	443.02
Old Age U. S.	1,081.25			17,689.74	18,770.99	17,292.97	1,478.02
Trust Funds in Transit				1,502.50	1,502.50	1,502.50	
Kimball Park				72.50	72.50	72.50	
Light Maintenance	2,464.63		4,000.00	37,335.66	35,800.29	33,997.89	1,802.40
Water Maintenance	1,733.54			11,568.86	13,302.40	13,222.14	80.26
Surveying Cemetery	194.00				194.00	137.00	57.00
* Raise in Levy.	\$158,238.98	\$ 3,301.29	\$ 5,782.00	\$165,493.76	\$321,252.03	\$293,134.73	\$ 28,117.30

RECAPITULATION

Appropriations	\$125,663.50	
Accounts Balances	32,575.48	
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	\$158,238.98	
Transferred to Accounts		
Welfare Department	\$ 304.88	From Mothers Aid
Welfare Department	150.00	From Insurance
Welfare Department	200.00	From Interest
Welfare Department	100.00	From Vocational Aid
Welfare Department	65.50	From Cemetery Claims prior to 1935
Welfare Department	179.62	From Rocks Bridge
Soldiers Relief	240.00	From State Aid
Soldiers Relief	400.00	From Reserve Fund
Playground	100.00	From Reserve Fund
Maintenance Road Machinery	1,561.29	From Road Machinery
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	\$161,540.27	
Transferred from Accounts		
Rocks Bridge	\$ 179.62	To Welfare Department
State Aid	240.00	To Soldiers Relief
Mothers Aid	304.88	To Welfare Department

RECAPITULATION—(Continued)

Vocational Aid	100.00	To Welfare Department
Insurance	150.00	To Welfare Department
Reserve Fund	500.00	To Various Accounts Above
Interest	200.00	To Welfare Department
Cemetery Claims prior 1935	65.50	To Welfare Department
Res. for Payment Tax Title Loans	42.00	To Water Liens
Light Maintenance	4,000.00	To Revenue 1938
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	\$ 5,782.00	
	155,758.27	
	165,493.76	
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Payments		\$321,252.03
		293,134.73
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Balances Dec. 31, 1938		\$ 28,117.30

FINAL BALANCE—DEC. 31, 1938

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash:		Temporary Loans	\$20,000.00
General	\$ 8,401.71	Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
Light Depreciation Fund	20,682.80	Excise	1.95
Taxes:		Water Liens	29.00
1935	160.55	Moth	94.40
1936 Poll	218.00	Excise	1,237.20
1936 Personal and Real	446.78	Departmental	10,166.18
1937 Poll	420.00	Tax Title Revenue	23,719.14
1937 Personal and Real	15,285.77	Light	478.93
1930	5.77	Water	772.82
1938 Poll	602.00	Teachers	87.83
1938 Personal and Real	36,527.98	Surplus Revenue Excess and Deficiency	30,600.73
Moth:		Other Balances:	
1931	1.50	Taxes 1932	.11
1935	1.85	Overlay 1936	277.71
1936	17.45	Overlay 1937	448.21
1937	38.70	Taxes 1931	5.79
1938	34.90	County Tax	30.86
		Overlay 1938	1,072.34



## FINAL BALANCE—(Continued)

Excise:		Old Age due State	43.00
		Sale of Lots	275.00
		Reserved for Payment Tax Title Loan	55.30
		Bond Premium	3.00
		Collector 1933	.58
1931	4.97	Collector 1934	21.90
1932	.80	Collector 1935	55.80
1935	18.17	Collector 1936	46.01
1936	257.36	Collector 1937	267.17
1937	512.41	Collector 1938	513.74
1938	445.44	Reimbursement for Payment Ch. 81 Loan	611.06
State Aid	20.00	WPA Co-Ordinator	69.33
Health	696.92	Main St. Ch. 90	163.86
Mothers Aid	2,239.59	Road Machinery	1,554.98
Public Welfare	5,838.55	Snow & Washouts	1,071.73
Old Age Assistance	1,391.12	Aid to Dep. Children U. S.	30.27
Tax Titles	20,350.86	Highway Ch. 498	1,160.64
Old Age 1932	38.00	Highway Ch. 500	1,400.00
County Aid to Highways	11.29	Old Age Admx. U. S.	443.02
Tax Titles Possessions	3,368.28	Old Age U. S.	1,478.02
Advance Light & Water Dept. Office	125.00	WPA	1,377.94
Advance for Town Office	10.00		
Overlay 1935	260.91		

FINAL BALANCE—(Continued)

Light Department:		
Light		1,802.40
Miscellaneous		20,682.80
Power		80.26
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		\$122,231.01
Water Department:		
Rates	649.33	
Miscellaneous	152.49	
State Tax	2,514.83	
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	\$122,231.01	

TRUST FUNDS

Cash in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$ 52,993.50	Library Funds	\$ 2,002.60
		Thos. H. Hoyt Library Funds	22,462.91
		Kimball Park Funds	3,060.38
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	25,467.61
	\$ 52,993.50		\$ 52,993.50

LIABILITIES

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Net Debt	\$ 20,885.13	Snow Removal Ch. 44, Sec. 64	\$ 1,500.00
		Municipal Relief Ch. 58, Acts 1938	3,000.00
		Tax Title	5,000.00
		Tax Title	3,750.00
		Ch. 90 Reimbursement	1,500.00
		Ch. 81 Reimbursement	1,600.00
		Tax Title	4,535.13
	\$ 20,885.13		\$ 20,885.13

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
M. E. Sargent .....	\$100.00	\$ 115.27	\$ 2.89	\$ 3.00	\$ 115.16
Eliza M. Sawyer (Thos. Sawyer lot) .....	114.00	116.50	2.91	5.00	114.41
Emily S. Goodwin (Patten Sargent lot) ....	250.00	292.52	7.35	5.00	294.87
John L. and Sophia Merrill .....	200.00	240.59	6.04	8.60	238.03
Moses Goodrich .....	100.00	100.70	2.51	2.00	101.21
W. A. Paine (Henry Sargent lot) .....	50.00	54.42	1.37	3.00	52.79
**J. E. Prescott .....	200.00	140.49	3.53	6.50	212.52
Rhoda S. Poore (Daniel Poore lot) .....	300.00	400.93	10.06	8.50	402.49
Rhoda S. Poore (Fred. Sargent lot) .....	200.00	300.52	7.55	9.85	298.22
Otis W. Little .....	200.00	279.00	7.02	15.00	271.02
Susan G. Sargent (Westerly half J. B. Sargent lot) .....	75.00	90.21	2.27	3.50	88.98
Henrietta B. Sargent (W. P. Colby lot) ....	250.00	366.93	9.22	8.95	367.20
Caroline S. Noyes (Somerby Noyes lot) ....	100.00	105.91	2.65	4.00	104.56
Warrent Sargent .....	100.00	103.23	2.59	3.00	102.82
Ruth Rowell (Jacob Rowell & Chas. Dow lot) .....	200.00	297.36	7.47	6.95	297.88
Sarah Pattee (Asa Ford, Sarah Pattee lot)	175.00	214.02	5.38	8.59	210.81
Sarah Pattee (Wm. Gunnison lot) .....	125.00	132.51	3.33	6.60	129.24
I. B. Little .....	337.87	357.46	8.97	9.00	357.43
John Bancroft .....	50.00	52.19	1.30	2.00	51.49
Aaron Bancroft .....	50.00	51.31	1.28	2.00	50.59
Thos. D. Nelson .....	150.00	164.17	4.13	8.85	159.45
Mabel J. Shepardson (Isaac Jones lot) ....	100.00	103.82	2.60	4.00	102.42



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Henry E. Crosby .....	65.00	126.22	3.17	4.00	125.39
A. Linda Little .....	150.00	185.37	4.65	6.50	183.52
Etta H. Colby .....	100.00	102.91	2.58	3.00	102.49
Mrs. Gilman Hoyt .....	100.00	108.91	2.73	4.00	107.64
Phineas Chase .....	100.00	101.01	2.54	3.55	100.00
Chas. A. Bridges .....	100.00	101.14	2.54	3.50	100.18
Louise Clement (John Clement lot) .....	100.00	138.90	3.48	5.00	137.38
Carrie C. Noyes .....	150.00	162.18	4.08	5.00	161.26
W. O. Smiley (Wm. & Francis Smiley) ....	100.00	111.62	2.80	5.00	109.42
Hattie & Carrie Baxter .....	100.00	113.53	2.84	4.00	112.37
Parmelia Trefethan (Ephraim Trefethan) .....	100.00	127.00	3.19	4.00	126.19
Ida E. Stevens .....	125.00	131.85	3.30	4.00	131.15
Mary A. Chase (G. W. Chase lot) .....	100.00	108.46	2.71	3.00	108.17
Stuart, Chase & Sargent .....	100.00	156.01	3.91	4.00	155.92
Chas. A. Noyes (Chas. H. Noyes lot) .....	75.00	76.49	1.91	3.00	75.40
M. W. R. Downing (John Sargent and Ichabod Nichols) .....	125.00	127.07	3.19	3.00	127.26
William Gilday .....	150.00	204.59	5.14	9.50	200.23
Moses Stevens .....	100.00	111.34	2.79	5.00	109.13
Elizabeth M. Cooper (Jos. Cooper) .....	100.00	103.50	2.59	3.00	103.09
Amos Weed .....	100.00	109.56	2.74	3.50	108.80
Adelaine Whittier .....	100.00	109.35	2.74	3.00	109.09
E. Fannie Bradley (Donald Bradley) .....	100.00	105.64	2.64	2.00	106.28

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Porter Sargent (Bailey Sargent lot) .....	150.00	151.20	3.80	5.00	150.00
Addie F. Sawyer (Chas. Sawyer lot) .....	100.00	101.66	2.54	3.00	101.20
Melville S. Gibbs .....	50.00	51.15	1.28	2.00	50.43
Arthur C. Sargent .....	100.00	111.28	2.79	4.00	110.07
Heirs of A. R. Kimball .....	100.00	104.46	2.61	4.00	103.07
Geo. E. Ricker (J. W. Sargent lot) .....	100.00	101.36	2.54	3.00	100.90
Alfred G. Wells (A. G. Wells, R. K. Nichols & Patriquin) .....	100.00	230.31	5.79	8.00	228.10
Stephen C. Parsons .....	200.00	230.12	5.79	5.00	230.91
Alfred H. Colby (A. M. Colby lot) .....	100.00	101.80	2.55	4.00	100.35
Geo. S. Sargent .....	100.00	104.65	2.61	4.00	103.26
Frank Ward .....	200.00	234.04	5.88	6.00	233.92
R. W. Sargent & Moulton .....	100.00	110.88	2.78	4.00	109.66
Samuel C. Pease .....	150.00	155.88	3.90	5.00	154.78
Agnes F. Judkins (Geo. W. & Olive O. Judkins) .....	150.00	167.82	4.20	5.00	167.02
Willard D. Sargent (Edward P. Sargent lot) .....	200.00	253.97	6.37	5.00	255.34
Everett Carleton (Richard Stoyale lot) .....	100.00	107.93	2.70	4.00	106.63
A. E. Porter (S. L. Porter & Mary Emery lot) .....	150.00	168.33	4.23	3.00	169.56
Donald Mac Diarmid .....	150.00	176.08	4.43	4.00	176.51
Wm. H. Young .....	100.00	103.32	2.59	3.00	102.91

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## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Mary A. Hoyt (Thos. Hoyt lot) .....	200.00	206.82	5.19	4.00	208.01
Willard D. Sargent (Nicholas Sargent lot) .....	50.00	106.23	2.67	3.00	105.90
Willard D. Sargent (Moses Sargent lot) .....	50.00	106.23	2.67	3.00	105.90
Lilla P. Larraway (H. W. Larra- way lot) .....	100.00	106.04	2.67	3.00	105.71
Warren E. Wallace .....	100.00	126.79	3.18	3.00	126.97
Justin Clement .....	75.00	89.97	2.25	3.00	89.22
Emma P. Emerson (Alfred Chase) .....	100.00	102.65	2.57	3.00	102.22
John W. Foster .....	150.00	164.48	4.13	5.00	163.61
John H. Cleary .....	100.00	108.60	2.71	4.00	107.31
M. A. Gassett .....	100.00	110.77	2.78	5.00	108.55
J. W. Johnson .....	100.00	101.56	2.54	3.00	101.10
Wm. Greeley .....	100.00	111.88	2.80	4.50	110.18
Moses S. Brown .....	100.00	103.17	2.59	4.00	101.76
John B. Judkins .....	350.00	512.73	12.89	12.00	513.62
Henry C. Fox .....	100.00	111.80	2.80	4.50	110.10
Geo. G. Larkin (Little, Larkin and Larkin lot) .....	300.00	305.42	7.67	11.80	301.29
Addie Haley .....	100.00	104.18	2.61	4.00	102.79
Jacob F. Crosby .....	100.00	105.47	2.64	4.00	104.11
Willis H. Scott .....	75.00	99.17	2.24	4.00	87.41
Herbert F. Chase (Enoch Chase lot) .....	100.00	103.25	2.59	3.50	102.34



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Joseph H. Leavitt .....	100.00	114.21	2.87	4.00	113.08
William Betts .....	150.00	162.35	4.08	4.50	161.93
Horace J. Batchelder and Geo. H. Nichols lot) .....	200.00	211.08	5.30	8.00	208.38
James D. Pike .....	100.00	112.53	2.81	4.50	110.84
Gustavus D. Veal (G. Veal & Geo. Grant lot) .....	100.00	101.98	2.55	3.00	101.53
Edward Sherman .....	100.00	101.82	2.55	3.50	100.87
Chas. E. Rowell .....	150.00	154.36	3.88	4.50	153.74
Erastus Sargent .....	100.00	112.69	2.83	5.00	110.52
Mary E. Robinson .....	150.00	166.12	4.18	4.00	166.30
Chas. Wallace & Helen Chamberlain lot) ..	100.00	101.91	2.55	3.00	101.46
Frank C. Williams .....	100.00	107.67	2.70	4.00	106.37
Melville A. Cunningham .....	100.00	108.74	2.73	4.00	107.47
Daniel M. Means .....	100.00	105.35	2.64	4.00	103.99
Judson Jewett .....	100.00	109.85	2.75	4.50	108.10
Conrad Kippenberger .....	50.00	50.88	1.27	1.50	50.65
Herbert C. Oak .....	150.00	156.35	3.93	8.00	152.28
Walter L. Chaloner .....	170.00	200.31	5.03	4.00	201.34
Benjamin Rowell .....	50.00	71.34	1.79	2.00	71.13
Moses Sawyer .....	50.00	67.45	1.69	2.00	67.14
Chas. S. Lockwood .....	100.00	105.83	2.65	4.00	104.48
Fred B. Porter .....	100.00	105.43	2.64	3.00	105.12
Rufus H. Bennett .....	100.00	109.62	2.74	3.00	109.36



## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Thomas Hoyt .....	150.00	155.08	3.90	4.00	154.98
N. L. & Ella S. Howe .....	100.00	107.63	2.69	1.00	109.32
Edmund Ricker .....	100.00	101.55	2.54	3.00	101.09
Toppan Sargent & Franklin Sargent .....	100.00	104.63	2.61	3.00	104.24
Austin W. Sawyer .....	100.00	106.99	2.68	3.00	106.67
George H. Tilton .....	100.00	111.03	2.79	3.50	110.32
Moses C. Flanders .....	50.00	56.76	1.41	2.00	56.17
Thomas Goodrich lot .....	150.00	151.21	3.80	3.00	152.01
Pred W. Cate .....	100.00	102.05	2.57	3.50	101.12
Mary A. Noyes .....	100.00	112.50	2.81	3.50	111.81
Clara M. Kendall .....	200.00	216.89	5.44	5.50	216.83
Daniel Gould .....	100.00	103.36	2.59	5.00	100.95
David Tewksbury & Thos. Merrill .....	150.00	153.58	3.85	4.50	152.93
Stephen Nichols .....	100.00	101.76	2.55	3.00	101.31
Betsy A. Veal .....	100.00	101.42	2.54	3.00	100.96
Frank Hargraves .....	100.00	104.52	2.61	4.00	103.13
John W. Logan .....	100.00	102.19	2.57	3.00	101.76
Charles Colman .....	100.00	103.83	2.60	3.00	103.43
Julia Whaland .....	150.00	161.00	4.05	4.00	161.05
Norman S. Cole .....	100.00	100.55	2.51	3.00	100.06
Mary Ordway .....	100.00	101.87	2.55	3.00	101.42
Jolin T. Lovett .....	150.00	153.22	3.85	4.50	152.57
William H. Franklin .....	100.00	101.25	2.54	2.00	101.79
Helen G. Linden .....	100.00	102.27	2.57	3.00	101.84

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Clifton B. Heath .....	150.00	156.22	3.93	4.50	155.65
Mary E. Sargent (Olando Sargent) .....	100.00	101.47	2.54	3.00	101.01
John K. Sargent .....	100.00	109.93	2.75	1.50	111.18
Mary H. Sargent (Hayden Sargent) .....	100.00	101.55	2.54	3.00	101.09
Roswell J. Eaton .....	100.00	102.67	2.57	3.00	102.24
John Currier (John Currier lot) .....	150.00	158.03	3.98	4.00	158.01
John Currier (Church St. Cem.) .....	125.00	127.84	3.20	4.00	127.04
*Single Graves .....	30.00	51.53	1.45	1.50	91.48
Annie M. Sargent (John L. Sargent) .....	125.00	128.66	3.23	3.00	128.89
Fred R. Weed .....	200.00	218.60	5.49	1.00	223.09
Mary J. Murphy (J. H. Murphy lot) .....	100.00	102.04	2.57	4.00	100.61
Edward H. Preble .....	125.00	129.57	3.25	4.00	128.82
Edwin S. Lane .....	100.00	102.74	2.58	4.00	101.32
Elbridge D. Young .....	100.00	105.07	2.64	3.00	104.71
Mary Emma Hoyt (Frederick Nichols) .....	150.00	155.08	3.90	4.00	154.98
Harriet E. Storey (F. A. Sargent and Storey lot) .....	100.00	104.73	2.63	4.00	103.36
Phillip E. Quimby .....	100.00	103.93	2.60	3.00	103.53
Rebecca P. Little (Albert Sargent lot) ....	200.00	202.77	5.09	5.00	202.86
Clarence T. Allison .....	100.00	102.11	2.57	2.50	102.18
Sarah B. Titcomb (Eva J. Titcomb) .....	100.00	101.10	2.54	3.00	100.64
John Heald .....	200.00	208.26	5.23	2.50	210.99
Jennie Prescott .....	100.00	103.40	2.59	4.00	101.99

## CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Annie Tuttle (Amos Small-Lawson lot) ....	100.00	103.58	2.59	1.00	105.17
Benj. F. Sargent .....	300.00	307.93	7.73	4.50	311.16
Ralph H. Sargent .....	100.00	101.31	2.54	3.00	100.85
Pullington-Ashley lot .....	100.00	101.05	2.54	3.00	100.59
Laura Patten .....	200.00	204.60	5.14	4.00	205.74
George G. Crouse .....	100.00	101.03	2.54	3.00	100.57
Nellie M. Hall (Thos. Fraser lot) .....	100.00	101.28	2.54	2.50	101.32
Lottie Hopkins (Nichols & Hopkins lot) ....	100.00	102.28	2.57	2.50	102.35
Louise C. Brackett (Wm. C. Russell) .....	100.00	101.02	2.54	2.50	101.06
Marion Armstrong (Armstrong and McInnes lot) .....	400.00	402.18	10.12	8.50	403.80
Thomas S. Hayes .....	100.00	100.77	2.53	2.00	101.30
Frank M. Haynes .....	100.00	102.52	2.57	2.00	103.09
Fred L. Parker .....	150.00	151.77	3.80	2.50	153.07
Dr. Fred E. Sweetsir .....	350.00	350.41	8.81	8.50	350.72
William Pettigrew .....	100.00	102.00	2.57		104.57
Fred S. Hardwick .....	100.00	102.00	2.57	3.00	101.57
J. Melville Clement .....	100.00	100.83	2.53		103.36
Edwin S. Mckay .....	100.00	100.63	2.51	2.00	101.14
Henry A. Stickney .....	150.00	150.63	3.78	2.50	151.91
B. F. Hardwick .....	150.00	150.31	3.78		154.09
Emma L. Sargent (Olando Sargent) .....	150.00	150.31	3.78	2.50	151.59
Emma R. Sargent (O. F. Seavey M. D.) ....	150.00	150.31	3.78	3.00	151.09
Elsie G. Mathews .....	200.00	200.00	4.61	3.50	201.11



CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS—(Cont.)

Name	Original Amount	Dec. 31, '37 Balance	Int.	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, '38 Balance
Sarah Spiller (Fred Burnham lot) .....	200.00	200.00	4.61	1.00	203.61
**Herbert E. Whitney .....	100.00		1.67	1.67	100.00
**F. W. Mathison .....	100.00		1.04	1.00	100.04
**Judson Webster .....	125.00		1.56		126.56
**Frederick W. Carter .....	200.00				200.00
**Ethel Goodwin (Chas. Goodwin lot) ....	100.00				100.00
**L. J. Bagley .....	100.00				100.00
**Samuel W. Condon .....	150.00				150.00
**Samuel L. Porter (Jos. N. Porter lot) ..	150.00				150.00
		\$24,417.27	\$616.25	\$705.91	\$25,467.61

\* Added since Dec. 31st. 1937 to original amount.

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\*\*\* New since Dec. 31st. 1937.



## PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Name	Original Amount	Balance Dec. 31, '37	Interest	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, '38
James Whittier .....	\$ 487.07	\$ 676.36	\$ 17.00		\$ 693.36 ✓
D. J. Poore .....	500.00	549.13	13.80		562.93 ✓
A. E. Goodwin .....	200.00	224.48	5.64		230.12 ✓
Laura Patten .....	500.00	503.54	12.65		516.19 ✓
Thomas H. Hoyt .....		9,926.77	251.66	578.02	9,962.91
			362.50		
Balances shown in Merrimac Savings Bank Books		\$11,880.28	\$ 663.25	\$ 578.02	\$11,965.51
Haverhill Savings Bank, T. H. Hoyt Fund		5,000.00	137.50	137.50	5,000.00
Danvers Savings Bank, T. H. Hoyt Fund		7,500.00	225.00	225.00	7,500.00
		\$24,380.28	\$ 1,025.75	\$ 940.52	\$24,465.51

## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Merrimac Savings Bank—					
Electric Light—Depreciation Fund ..		\$14,959.86	\$ 376.32		\$15,336.18
Provident Institution—					
Electric Light—Depreciation Fund ..		2,607.76	65.59		2,673.35
Pentucket Savings Bank—					
Electric Light—Depreciation Fund ..		2,594.86	78.41		2,673.27
Merrimac Savings Bank—					
Electric Light—Reserve Fund .....		\$ 1,924.25		\$ 1,924.25	
		\$20,162.48	\$ 520.32		\$20,682.80

## KIMBALL PARK FUNDS

Amos Weed .....	\$ 1,860.86	\$ 2,001.25	\$ 50.34	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,001.59
Judith Kimball .....	1,000.00	1,054.77	26.52	22.50	1,058.79
		\$ 3,056.02	\$ 76.86	\$ 72.50	\$ 3,060.38

## GENEALOGY OF MERRIMAC 1639-1939

Sept. 6, 1638. Petition presented to the General Court by Simon Bradstreet and others, leave was granted for a plantation at Merrimac, on the north side of the river.

May, 1639. Colchester settled, 60 grantees (land included what is now Salisbury, Amesbury, Merrimac, Mass., South Hampton, N. H., and part of Newton, Kingston, Plaistow, Hampstead and Seabrook, H. N.

Sept. 4, 1639. Town named Colchester by General Court.

Oct. 7, 1640. Name of Town changed to Salisbury by General Court.

Dec. 26, 1642. Thirty families ordered to move west of the Powow River.

1642. Main road Haverhill through Amesbury "marked out 1642", "laid out anew four rods wide 1685".

March 19, 1655. Amesbury organized as a Town (including what is now Merrimac. 18 inhabitants, with voting rights as Commoners, Anthony Colby, John Hoyt, Phillip Challis, George Martin, Jarrot Haddon, Richard Currier, John Bayly, William Huntington, Valentine Rowell, Edward Cottle, Thomas Barnard, John Weed, Orlando Bagly, Henry Blasdell, Thomas Macy, William Sargent, William Barnes, John Colby.

1666. Town of New Salisbury incorporated by General Court.

June 15, 1666. First Town officers chosen. Prudential men (Selectmen) Thomas Barnard, Philip Challis, Robert Jones, John Weed, John Hoyt, Sr. Town had 36 freemen or voters of whom at least eight with their families lived at what is now Merrimac.

January 25, 1667. Town named Amesbury. Original Town records reads "Amesbery").

1642 to 1726. West Amesbury generally called "Jamaco".

Probable first settlers of what is now Merrimac in order of their settlement were Edward Cottle, John Hoyt, John Weed, Samuel Foot, Thomas Sargent, Robert Jones, John Pressy, Thomas Nichols, James Frees, Joseph Lankester, Thomas Stevens, Josue Goldsmith, John Jimson, John Martin and Thomas Haynes.

1726. Amesbury divided into two parishes, East and West Amesbury. The West Parish embracing West and South Amesbury, now Merrimac and Merrimacport in 1726, had 127 persons assessed for tax purposes, the population then being about 400 persons.

April 11, 1876. Merrimac set off from Amesbury as a separate Town by act of the General Court.

Population. 1880, 2237; 1885, 2378; 1890, 2633; 1895, 2301; 1900, 2131; 1905, 1884; 1910, 2202; 1915, 2101; 1920, 2173; 1925, 2349; 1930, 2392; 1935, 2209.

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Compiled by A. P. Wadleigh.



# WARRANT

## FOR

### Annual Town Meeting

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ESSEX, ss.

To James P. Donahue, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall in Merrimac on

## Monday, March 6, 1939

at six o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:—

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year, Town Clerk for one year, three Selectmen for one year, three members of the Department of Public Welfare for one year, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer for one year, Collector of Taxes for one year, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of Cemeteries for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, one Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, five Commissioners of Playground for one year, one Commissioner of Municipal Light Board for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, three Constables for one year, three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark for one year, and a Tree Warden for



one year. In voting under this article the Polls may be closed not earlier than four o'clock P. M.

Article 2. To fix the Compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Article 3. To determine what sum of money shall be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1939 and make appropriation for the same.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1940 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars for the Maintenance of Road Machinery to keep road machinery in operation, said amount to be transferred from the Road Machinery account.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Co-Ordinator (for the term of one year) of W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects, who may be a member of the Board of Selectmen and to fix the amount of compensation to be paid therefor, and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand (\$6,000.00) dollars to be expended under the supervision of the Selectmen for W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen for W.P.A. or other Federal or State Relief projects, the sum thus appropriated to be borrowed on tax titles under Chapter 42, Acts of 1933 as amended.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to borrow on account of tax titles under Chapter 49, Acts of 1933 as amended, to be used to meet the appropriations for the year 1939, the amount so voted to be applied by the Assessors for the purpose of 1939 tax reduction.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of four thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-four cents (\$4,345.54) from the Electric Light Operating balance to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1939.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the members of the Merrimac Bureau of Old Age Assistance who may or may not be members of the Board of Public Welfare, said compensation to be paid from any available funds granted by the Federal Government for Administrative purposes.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town fourteen days at least before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars for the improvement of Chapter 90 (General Laws) Road Maintenance work, said sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or any portion thereof to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County or both for this purpose.

Article 14. To see what action the Town will take to provide a list of candidates for the 1940 Citizens Caucus, whose nominees shall be placed on the ballot as candidates at the Annual Town Meeting of 1940.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and seventy five dollars (\$275.00) from the sale of Cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under the direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "care, improvement and embellishment" of said Cemetery, according to Section 15 and Section 25 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be placed at the disposal of the Playground Commission to be used at their discretion on the playground during the current year.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in whole or in part to purchase drain pipe to be used at Pleasant St., Merrimacport in the construction of a Vitrified clay drain, catch basins, resurfacing, etc. as part of the terms of an approved W.P.A. project, (Merrimac W.P.A. project No. 34) or take any other suitable action relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets (other than Chapter 81), said sum to be transferred from available cash balance of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00) in the Town Treasury, received in 1938 under terms of Chapter 500 General Laws, and the use thereof amended by Chapter 2, Acts of 1939 General Laws.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$425.00) for Board of Registrars Expense under Chapter 427 and Chapter 440 of the Acts and Resolves of the General Court for the year 1938, said appropriation being made for the year 1939.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to be expended under the supervision of the Engineers of the Fire Department for repairs to the fire alarm system.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty eight dollars and fifty cents (\$28.50) to



pay bill of Herman F. Davis for supplies furnished during the storm emergency period of the hurricane of September 1938, said bill being rendered after January 10, 1939.

Article 22. On petition of Henry L. Adams and twenty three others to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00) for the purchase of materials and truck hire to be used in extending the water service from the hydrant at the corner of Church and Nichols Streets northwesterly along Church Street at a point on upper Church Street adjacent to the residence of Henry L. Adams, with the installation of a hydrant at that point provided the same can be done in whole or in part as a W.P.A. project, and that the Water Commissioners are hereby instructed and authorized to sponsor, and have supervision of such W.P.A. project if said project is approved by the Federal Government.

Article 23. On petition of Alexander M. Sullivan and ten others to see if the Town will vote, commencing with the year 1940 to nominate and elect five Playground Commissioners, one member to be nominated and elected for the term of five years, one member to be nominated and elected for the term of four years, one member to be nominated and elected for the term of three years, one member to be nominated and elected for the term of two years, one member to be nominated and elected for the term of one year; and each year thereafter one member of the Playground Commission to be nominated and elected for a term of five years.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) from the surplus revenue account to the estimated receipts for the year 1939 for the purpose of reducing the 1939 tax levy, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation in accordance with Section 23, Chapter 59 of the General Laws, or take any action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of oiling thickly settled streets (other than Chapter 81) or take any other action relative thereto.



Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to purchase one or more trucks, for the purpose of reducing truck hire costs to the Town and to authorize the Selectmen to purchase the same or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27. On petition of Harold M. Waterhouse, Joseph B. Frye, Frank R. Haskell, Kenneth E. Haskell, Isaiah S. McClure and thirty seven others to see if the Town will vote to distribute the hiring of trucks for W.P.A. and highway work, equally among the residents of Merrimac, Mass., present owners of trucks, equipped to do the work.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote subject to the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works to reconstruct the sidewalk adjacent to the State Highway on the southerly side of East Main Street from Mill Street easterly a distance of approximately twelve hundred feet, same to be built as a cement sidewalk in whole or in part as a W.P.A. project, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase materials and furnish truck hire necessary to the construction of the same.

Article 29. On petition of George B. Crofut and twenty one others to see if the Town will vote to resurface the sidewalk on south side of East Main Street from Mill Street to Private Way near residence of William P. Gilmore and raise and appropriate a sum of money for cost of same.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven public places in said Town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this sixth day of February,  
1939.

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH,  
HAZEN M. EMERY,  
FRED T. HOPKINSON,

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Selectmen of Merrimac.

A true copy, Attest,

JAMES P. DONAHUE,

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Constable.

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify  
and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the  
time and place and for the purpose therein expressed.

JAMES P. DONAHUE,

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Constable.

Merrimac, Mass., February 6, 1939.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with the By-laws of the Town of Merrimac and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations to be made for the year 1939.

*General Government*

Moderator .....	\$	12.00
Selectmen (Chairman) .....	\$	450.00
Selectmen (Clerk) .....		125.00
Selectmen (Other) .....		100.00
Selectmen's Departmental Expenses .....		675.00
Public Welfare (Chairman) .....		500.00
Public Welfare (Clerk) .....		200.00
Public Welfare (Other) .....		200.00
Town Accountant .....		100.00
Town Accountant's Expense .....		1,300.00
Treasurer .....		125.00
Treasurer's Expense .....		450.00
Tax Collector .....		900.00
Tax Collector's Expense .....		800.00
Assessors (Chairman) .....		600.00
Assessors (Other two each \$187.50) .....		275.00
Assessors' Expense .....		375.00
Town Clerk .....		650.00
Town Clerk's Expense .....		200.00
Registrars of Voters .....		225.00
Town Hall Maintenance		50.00
Janitor of Town Offices .....		112.50
Maintenance .....		120.00
Town Hall Repairs .....		1,000.00
Bonding Town Officers .....		1,120.00
Election Officers .....		100.00

*Protection of Persons and Property*

Police .....		310.00
		120.00
		3,550.00

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Fire Engineers .....	200.00
Fire Department .....	3,000.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	90.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses ....	50.00
Inspector of Wiring .....	90.00
Inspector of Wiring Expenses .....	5.00
Dog Officer (to cover fees) .....	100.00
Moth Department .....	900.00
Moth Department Repairs .....	50.00
Tree Warden .....	250.00
Town Forest .....	300.00
Town Forest Warden .....	150.00

### *Health and Sanitation*

Board of Health .....	1,250.00
Public Health Nurse and Expense .....	1,150.00
Inspector of Animals .....	100.00
Inspector of Slaughtering .....	20.00
Inspector of Milk .....	20.00
Essex County T. B. Hospital .....	746.92

### *Highway Department*

Highway Department, Chapter 81 Streets ....	4,650.00
Snow and Washouts .....	1,000.00
Snow Emergency Note due 1939 .....	1,500.00
Sidewalks, Railings and Bridges .....	100.00
Rocks Bridge .....	650.00
Street Lights .....	3,776.42

### *Charities*

State Aid .....	120.00
Public Welfare .....	19,000.00
Soldiers' Relief .....	3,600.00
Aid to Dependent Children or Mothers' Aid	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance .....	25,000.00



*Schools and Libraries*

School Committee (Chairman) .....	50.00	
School Committee (Clerk) .....	75.00	
School Committee (Other) .....	50.00	175.00
School Department .....		28,250.00
Public Library .....		1,000.00

*Unclassified*

Memorial Day (American Legion) .....	150.00
Vocational Education .....	300.00
Town Counsel Fees (to Mar. 6, 1939 inc.) .....	12.50
Lighting Town Buildings .....	569.12
Insurance .....	2,300.00
Reserve Fund .....	500.00
Interest .....	600.00
Cemeteries .....	1,000.00
Municipal Loan Note .....	1,000.00
Vital Statistics .....	75.00
Water in Town Buildings .....	329.64
Printing Town Reports .....	300.00
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	\$118,229.10

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN K. SARGENT, Chairman  
W. H. FRANKLIN, Secretary  
HARRY A. PEASE,  
HARRY KINNEY,  
HERMAN F. DAVIS,

Merrimac Finance Committee.

## VOTE FOR OFFICERS, ANNUAL ELECTION

March 7, 1938

977 Votes Cast (514 Men, 463 Women) (1447 Registered Voters)

## Moderator, for One Year:

*Clifford R. Howe, Forest Street .....	631
Frederick A. Small, East Main Street .....	269
Blanks .....	76

## Town Clerk, for One Year:

*C. Howard Phillips, Church Street .....	809
Blanks .....	168

## Selectmen, for One Year:

*Hazen M. Emery, Judkins Court .....	463
*Fred T. Hopkinson, Locust Street .....	416
Harold C. Lord, Grove Street .....	329
John K. Sargent, Merrimac Street .....	243
Frederick A. Small, East Main Street .....	368
*Albert P. Wadleigh, Church Street .....	533
Blanks .....	579

## Board of Public Welfare, for One Year:

*Hazen M. Emery, Judkins Court .....	441
*Fred T. Hopkinson, Locust Street .....	442
Andrew O. Nicol, Pleasant Street .....	285
John K. Sargent, Merrimac Street .....	273
*Albert P. Wadleigh, Church Street .....	510
Ellen M. Wallace, Central Street .....	401
Blanks .....	579

## Assessor, for Three Years:

*George B. Crofut, East Main Street .....	523
Clifford R. Howe, Forest Street .....	367
Blanks .....	87

## Treasurer, for One Year:

*Roy C. Journeay, Prospect Street .....	809
Blanks .....	168

## Collector of Taxes, for One Year:

Irving M. Manning, Locust Grove Avenue .....	163
*Fred C. Twombly, Grove Street .....	761
Blanks .....	53

## School Committee, for Three Years:

A. Lawton Crane, East Main Street .....	268
*Howard DeLong, Pine Street .....	652
Blanks .....	57

## Trustee of Cemeteries, for Three Years:

Benjamin F. Carter, Pleasant Street, 'Port .....	201
*Charles A. Lancaster, Locust Street .....	642
Blanks .....	134

## Trustee of Kimball Park:

*John W. Kirkpatrick, Main Street .....	686
Blanks .....	291

## Library Trustees, for Three Years:

*Minnie S. Hale, Main Street .....	402
James Duncan How, Merrimac Street .....	315
Frank E. Walker, Middle Street .....	358
*Ethel B. Whiting, Church Street .....	431
Blanks .....	448

## Light Commissioner, for Three Years:

Ralph L. Buzzell, School Street .....	340
*George F. Wilde, Woodland Street .....	536
Blanks .....	101

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### Water Commissioner, for Three Years:

Ralph L. Buzzell, School Street .....	341
*George F. Wilde, Woodland Street .....	528
Blanks .....	108

### Constables, for One Year:

Oran W. Burke, East Main Street .....	83
George R. Buzzell, School Street .....	307
*James P. Donahue, Lincoln Street .....	710
*Leon L. Dow, Mechanic Street .....	692
*George W. Goldsmith, School Street .....	503
Blanks .....	636

### Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, for One Year:

*Ralph L. Buzzell, School Street .....	585
*George R. Hoyt, Birch Meadow .....	613
*Edson C. Walker, Birch Meadow .....	677
Blanks .....	1056

### Tree Warden, for One Year:

Benjamin F. Carter, Pleasant Street, 'Port .....	271
*Samuel C. Doust, Church Street .....	540
Blanks .....	166

### Playground Commission, for One Year:

Arthur D. Bridge, Union Street .....	259
Charles Edward Bridges, Prospect Street .....	246
Perley W. Brown, Currier Avenue .....	212
*Kenneth G. Fowle, Church Street .....	375
*Elmer T. Grant, Adams Street .....	410
*Willard T. Kelly, Birch Meadow .....	373
*Burton C. Lafaver, Lincoln Street .....	408
Henry S. Lay, Summer Street .....	362
George K. Nicol, Pleasant Street .....	217
*Herbert E. Whiting, Church Street .....	448
Blanks .....	1465

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\* Elected.





ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
TOWN OF MERRIMAC

1938





## SCHOOL REPORT

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## SCHOOL REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859, Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 69th Annual School Report.

MRS. ANNIE L. TUCKER, Chairman  
HOWARD L. DeLONG, Secretary  
WILLARD T. KELLY

School Committee.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Continued from Calendar in 1937 Report)

### *All Dates Inclusive*

#### Third Term:

February 27, 1939 to April 21, 1939 for all schools ..... 8 weeks

#### Spring Term:

May 1, 1939 to June 16, 1939 for elementary school ..... 7 weeks

May 1, 1939 to graduation for high schools ..... 8 weeks

#### Fall Term:

September 6, 1939 to December 15, 1939 for elementary  
school ..... 15 weeks

September 6, 1939 to December 22, 1939 for high schools 16 weeks

#### Winter Term:

January 2, 1940 to February 16, 1940 for all schools ..... 7 weeks

June 20, 1939, Tuesday, Junior High School graduation.

June 22, 1939, Thursday, High School graduation.

September 5, 1939, Registration Day for all entering pupils. Union  
Meeting in afternoon.



All schools will also be closed on the following days:

Patriots' Day, April 19, 1939.

Memorial Day, May 30, 1939.

Columbus Day, October 12, 1939.

Essex County Teachers' Convention, November 3, 1939.

Armistice Day, November 11, 1939.

Thanksgiving recess, November 30 and December 1, 1939.

### NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

7:15 a. m.—11—11—long pause—1. No school in grades only.

7:15 a. m.—11—11—11. No school in high schools and grades.

11:20 a. m.—Same signals. One session.

12:30 p. m.—Same signals. No school in afternoon.

### SCHOOL OFFICERS

John C. Page, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools

Address: West Newbury

Tel. W. N. 52

Margaret R. Sawyer, Secretary

Address: West Newbury

Tel. W. N. 52

Alexander M. Sullivan, Supervisor of Attendance

Address: Locust Street

Tel. 238

A. Frances Davis, M. D., School Physician

Address: 16 Main Street

Tel. 154

Jean Badashaw, School Nurse

Address: 5 East Main Street

Tel. 52-11

# DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF, OCTOBER, 1938

## SCHOOL REPORT

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Position		Training	Total yrs. experience	Years in Merrimac
High School				
Prin., math.. science	Chauncey D. MacKay	B. S. E., Boston Univ., '24	14	10
English	Isaiah Chase	A. B. '30, A. M. '32, Harvard	4	3
French and Latin	Maolyn D. Osgood	Ph. B., Univ. Vermont, '38	0	0
History	Roberta C. Annon	B. S., Univ. New Hampshire, '31	7	7
Commercial	Everdene Wiley	B. S. in Ed., Salem Teachers, '36	1.6	0.6
Prospect St. School				
Prin., Gr. 8	Ralph V. Murray	B. S. in Ed., Salem Teachers, '35	0.5	0.5
Grade 7	Vera Dealy	B. L. I., Emerson College, '33	2	2
Centre School				
Prin., Gr. 6	Louise E. Hardy	Framingham Normal, '28	10	5
Grade 5	Marion E. Journeay	Portsmouth Training Sch., '12	25	1
Grade 4	Elaine Blackden	Aroostook State Normal, '23	12	2
Grade 3	Sarah B. Titcomb	Salem Normal, '05	24.5	17
Grade 2	Helen K. Manning	Bridgewater Normal, '18	14	11.5
Grade 1	Edith A. Gillen	Bridgewater Teachers, '34	4	4
Merrimacport School				
Special Class	Howard G. Patchett	B. A., Union '14; M. A. Clark '26	16	7
Drawing Supervisor	Annie A. Kelly	Mass. School of Art '06	28.5	12
Music Supervisor	Doris C. Currier	Institute of Music Pedagogy	16.5	7

## SPECIAL HELP

The year 1938 was marked by much attention being given to pupils who needed special or individual help. Part of this—the special class—was required by the state; the other part—the diagnostic and remedial work—was organized in the Centre School under the direction of Mrs. Hardy and the teachers. The class in remedial reading—one of the most effective of modern educational procedures—was taught daily from 11.20 until noon recess by Mrs. Journeay. There were two groups, on alternating days. One group was composed of thirteen pupils from grades two, three, and four, and the alternating group of seven pupils from all four lower grades. Another step in the same direction was the introduction, towards the year-end, of an individualized diagnostic and remedial set in various subjects and grades, with offset ink for multiple use, for the purpose of ferreting out difficulties and applying help where needed. This work will be well under way in 1939.

Under Chapter 71, Section 46, a special class in Merrimac was mandated by the state for the fall of 1938. The report came in late spring, following the annual state clinic conducted by Dr. Flora M. Remillard in March. Thirteen pupils were named for individual help and the local school committee given no choice in the matter. The appeal of one parent brought the state supervisor of special classes to Merrimac on December 15 to review the case. His decision was that no exception could possibly be made under the statute.

For special class housing the school department had only the Merrimacport School, unless the town were to be asked to go to more expense than seemed warranted. Fortunately the total number of pupils in town for each of the lower grades was such as to make this possible, so Miss Edith A. Gillen, teacher until June of the Merrimacport School, was transferred to the first grade Centre in place of Miss Mary L. McDonald who resigned in June, and preparations were made to convert Merrimacport School into a special class school serving the entire town.

During the summer the conversion was made, largely through the planning and work of Mr. Howard L. DeLong. The building was,



in many ways, ideally adaptable to the conversion. In special class schools it is necessary to have handwork and practical arts work upon which pupils can be engaged while academic instruction and special help in studies is being given to individuals or to small groups. At the Port school the room was partially divided anyhow into two rooms; the east part was equipped for practical arts and the west part left as before for academic studies. The practical arts part was equipped by Mr. DeLong with benches and tool drawers beneath the windows and an assembling table in the center. Another assembling table was made by Mr. Kelly from the old square piano at the High School. For the girls a gas stove for cooking was added. Special equipment which was added include a jig saw, a woodworking lathe, and an electric plate for heating. Tools include eight hammers, eight chisels, six wood files, four saws, and two bench vises. In addition there are planes, squares, braces and bits, hand and electric drills, a soldering iron, and a set of woodturning tools.

The work of special class teacher was taken over by Mr. Howard G. Patchett, principal until June at the Prospect Street School. The hours are the same as those at the high school. Mr. Patchett has emphasized special help individually in academic work, but citizens are invited to visit and see the many things which have been made in the practical arts department.

## SCHOOL BUILDINGS

In addition to the special work done at the Port school, new toilets were installed in December in the girls' basement at the Centre School. Heat is here needed, too. A wash bowl was placed in the office of principal and school nurse at Centre School. A white sink was donated by Mrs. Annie L. Tucker and placed in the lower hall at Centre School. In January a much needed desk was added in Miss Titcomb's room. At the Prospect Street School, also early in the year, the upstairs washbowls were removed on account of the backing up of fumes from the sewage. The chimney of the Prospect Street building, which blew off during the hurricane of September 21, was rebuilt quickly. At the High School the completion of the WPA grading project was further postponed. A somewhat extensive WPA school



repair project the committee has been trying to put through for 2 years was finally approved, but so late in the year that it was felt it would be inefficient and wasteful to conduct it through the winter months. This project has been postponed until the next summer vacation.

On October 13, at the request of the school department, the Merrimac fire department, represented by Mr. Irvine G. Burbeck, made its annual inspection of school buildings. The fire drills, which were witnessed, showed the following time necessary for clearance in case of a surprise alarm. High School 30 seconds, Prospect Street School 40 seconds. Centre School 90 seconds, Port School 30 seconds.

### ENROLLMENT

On the first of October the enrollment in the Merrimac public schools was 437, distributed as follows: At Centre 216, at Prospect Street 74, at High School 133, at Merrimacport (special) 14. Further distribution was: At Centre, Miss Gillen (Grade I) 31, Mrs. Manning (Grade II) 38, Miss Titcomb (Grade III) 39, Mrs. Blackden (Grade IV) 39, Mrs. Journeay (Grade V) 36, Mrs. Hardy (Grade VI) 33. At Prospect Street, Miss Dealy (Grade VII) 33, Mr. Murray (Grade VIII) 41. At High School, (Grade IX) 50, (X) 40, (XI) 25, (XII) 16, (P. G.) 2.

### TEACHING STAFF

During 1938 two new members came to the teaching staff. In the High School, in the French and Latin department, beginning in September, Miss Maolyn D. Osgood of Wilder, Vermont, and in the Prospect Street School, in the eighth grade, beginning in September, Mr. Ralph V. Murray of Lynn, Massachusetts. Miss Osgood is a graduate of the Winooski High School, White River Junction, Vermont, 1934, and of the University of Vermont, 1938, with the degree of Ph. B. and majors in French and Latin. Mr. Murray is a graduate of the Lynn Classical High School, Lynn, Massachusetts, and of Salem Teachers College, 1935, with the degree of B. S. in Ed. His practice teaching was in the junior high schools of Lynn and Salem.

For two and one half years following his graduation, Mr. Murray was a regular substitute in the junior and senior high schools of Lynn. From the first of February, 1938, until the end of June, he was acting principal of the Byfield School, Byfield, Massachusetts, grades one to eight, while the regular principal was on a five-months leave of absence.

Miss Everdene Wiley began her work in the commercial department of the Merrimac High School on January 3, but was engaged in 1937 and was reported in last year's school report. During the summer of 1938 Miss Wiley took two courses at Boston University, including one on the "Administration and Supervision of Commercial Education".

Mr. Isaiah Chase, English teacher at the High School, took two courses at Harvard during the summer. Mr. Chase has been president during the year of the Wenemesame Club, comprising all the teachers of Merrimac, Newbury, Salisbury and West Newbury.

Concerning Mrs. Louise E. Hardy, principal at Centre School, the superintendent received on January 25, from Mr. James A. Moyer, Director of University Extension, a personal letter of commendation of Mrs. Hardy for the success with which she completed a course and examination on "Methods of Supervising Instruction".

### GENERAL SCHOOL NOTES

At the High School a freshman class of fifty swelled the enrollment to a point at which the pupil-teacher ratio has exceeded the figure allowed in Grade A high schools. Thus started off the fiftieth or semicentennial year of the school. If the school is to keep its rating, and the enrollment stays up, some temporary provision by another regular or cadet assistant will have to be made. From the enrollment of the lower grades in town it would appear that this high school enrollment swell will subside somewhat in two or three years. There are at present two tuition pupils from Newton, New Hampshire.

During 1938 three girls at the high school received employment under the NYA.

The 1938 report of Mr. MacKay will be found later in this report.

At the Prospect Street School, in the fall, all eighth grade studies were taken over by Mr. Murray, and all seventh grade studies by Miss Dealy. This has obviated the confusion of passing. Additions in material have included, early in the year, a set of books from Georgia on vocational information and guidance, and, at the end of the year, a globe and a set of maps for the seventh grade.

The 1938 report of Mr. Murray will be found later in this report.

At the Centre School, under Mrs. Hardy, "methods of supervising instruction" have been put into daily practice; the teachers have tackled their problems in true conference manner, with commendable professional interest. The school work was interrupted through May and into June by an epidemic of chicken pox, especially in the first and fourth grades. On June 3 Centre and Port joined in a Health Day program. In October the teachers started a fund for a couch in the nurse's room, by a whist party.

A 1938 report of Mrs. Hardy will be found later in this report.

## GRADUATIONS

On Monday evening, June 20, at Sargent Hall, a class of 42 pupils, consisting of 17 boys and 25 girls, graduated from the eighth grade, Merrimac Junior High School. The valedictory was by Alice Crosby and the salutatory by Marcia Wilde. Six other pupils—all girls—graduated with scholastic recognition: Ruth Barry, Winifred Buzzell, Eleanor DeLong, Phyllis Foisy, Ruth Franklin, and Natalie Whiting. Althea Dill was the pianist. The address, "Looking Forward", was by the Reverend Charles L. Noyes of Amesbury and the presentation of diplomas by Mr. Howard L. DeLong.

On Wednesday evening, June 22, at Sargent Hall, a class of 17 pupils, consisting of 6 boys and 11 girls, graduated from the Merrimac High School. The valedictory was by Beth Whiting and the



salutatory by Mary Whiting. The theme in both cases was the Constitution of the United States, in commemoration of the sesquicentennial of its formation. Three others—all girls—graduated on the honor roll: Helmi Mustonen, Barbara Murray, and Alcha Huntress. The address, "Don't Waste Your Time", was by Mr. Fletcher W. Taft, the presentation of special awards (the recipients of which are listed elsewhere) was by Principal C. D. MacKay, and the presentation of diplomas by Mrs. Annie L. Tucker.

### SURVEY

In October an intensive and detailed statistical survey, with charts and a map, was directed by the state supervisor of elementary education in towns with a population of less than five thousand (which includes Merrimac). This survey, which entailed much labor, was made through the office of the superintendent of the town in question. It covered home background, teacher background, transportation conditions, school organization, promotions, equipment, construction of school buildings, lighting and heating conditions, school library and many other related facts both in present status and in recent local history. The following few background facts from the survey may be of interest: During the last two years 30 new elementary pupils moved into Merrimac from other Massachusetts municipalities and 8 pupils from out-of-state. Over 81% of the pupils continued their education through eighth grade and beyond. Statistics on occupation showed in Merrimac the following numbers of pupils from grades one through eight, the chief occupation of whose family head was (a) Agriculture, 12; (b) Industry, 40; (c) Trade, 37; (d) Profession, 12; (e) Skilled Craft, 133; (f) Unskilled Labor, 61; Undetermined, 9. Total, 304. Number of pupils (out of 304) whose homes have (a) Electricity, 266; (b) Radio, 269; (c) Newspapers, 271; (d) Magazines, 204; (e) Ten Books, 257; (f) Telephone, 79. Thirty-three pupils had one parent foreign born and nineteen pupils had both parents foreign born. Eleven pupils' mothers had attended college and nineteen pupils' fathers had attended college.



## TRANSPORTATION

At the end of June a three-year school bus contract, extending from September, 1938, to June, 1941, was renewed with the Massachusetts Northeastern Transportation Company.

On the first of October, 129 of the 437 Merrimac school pupils (or 29.5%) were transported regularly. This included 31 of the 133 High School pupils, 23 of the 74 Prospect School pupils, 66 of 216 Centre School pupils, and 9 of the Port pupils. From Birchmeadow there were 35, from Bear Hill and Lake Attitash 50, and from the Port 44.

## REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

To Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent:

Number of school visits .....			354
Number of home visits .....			134
Number of children visited .....			339
Number of pupils examined .....			428
Number of pupils examined by Dr. Davis (school physician)			
nurse assisting .....			428
Number defects teeth .....	172	Corrections .....	86
Number defects posture .....			121
Number defects heart (slight) .....			94
Number defects vision .....	8	Corrections .....	4

Two pairs of glasses were given to two school pupils by the Red Cross. One pair was procured from another source for a school pupil.

The follow-up of the T. B. clinic sponsored by Essex Co. T. B. Association was held at the Junior and Senior High Schools April 14. Reading of arms April 18. 22 pupils were x-rayed on April 22. Accompanied two pupils to Amesbury for x-ray.

The pre-school clinic was held June 6 at Dr. Davis' office. 13 children attended.

In January I went to nine homes for histories of retarded children. These histories are required by the State.

On January 13, the audiometer test was given to all pupils from the third grade through the high school. The retests were given January 14.

On May 4-25, June 15, July 6, the clinics were held at Centre School to immunize children for the prevention of diphtheria: 26 children attended. Also on October 13, November 3-23, other clinics were held giving toxoid treatments to 18 more children. 25 were pre-school children. These treatments were given by Dr. Davis, nurse assisting. We went to two homes and Port school to give the toxoid.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN BADASHAW,

School Nurse.

#### REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent of Schools

Merrimac, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

It is with pleasure that I submit my annual report of the Art work in the Merrimac Schools.

The general outline is much the same as that of last year.

In the 3 periods at High School, six students are studying Mechanical Drawing, 5 Commercial Art, 1 Modeling and Casting, 4 Fashion Illustration, and 30 Craft work in leather, wood and plastics.

The 7th Grade pupils have made purses, comb cases, and other small articles of scrap leather, which taught them to cut, punch, lace

leather, and set snaps. The 8th Grade have made tea tiles or wall decorations of 3-ply wood, with the designs painted and varnished.

No definite outline is used at the Port School for Industrial Arts, but the subjects of the lessons are whatever will help most at the time. An exhibition, which will surely be of great interest to the townspeople, is planned for the near future, as many very attractive, useful and salable articles have already been made by the pupils.

Last spring exhibitions of Art work were shown at the High School and at the Port School during Parent-Teachers meetings.

In all grades the quality of the work has greatly improved, and the subject is closely related to other subjects. Often, a teacher, finding the usual approach to history or geography does not reach her pupils, will plan a unit in which the art lessons are included, or teach for a time partly through drawing and construction, illustrations, maps and exhibits. This has several times proved effective during the year.

In the Merrimac Schools I am pleased to report that the various branches of Art are not considered "frills" but a helpful and necessary part of the education of the child.

For the splendid interest and cooperation of pupils, teachers, superintendent and other school officials I am deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE A. KELLY,

Art Supervisor.

#### REPORT OF CENTRE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent:

During the year the children and teachers of Centre School were very fortunate in having educational moving pictures entitled Robinson Crusoe, A Christmas Carol, Drinking Health, Safety First, and



Sculpture of the Ages. Mr. MacKay very generously loaned the projector and arranged dates for the films. Dr. Page presented the picture Daniel Boone and stereopticon slides of flowers and plants of New England. Robert Harley of grade six showed slides made by his father, Dr. Harley, a missionary in Liberia, Africa.

Another feature of educational entertainment enjoyed was a talk on music in many lands by Dr. Leslie Grossmith, a musician (of London, England).

Each grade planned and presented a Christmas program for the pleasure of another class.

The Memorial Day exercises were, as usual, combined with the other schools.

The program formerly presented by Centre School at P. T. A. meeting in December was postponed until February, 1939.

About forty children were provided with free transportation to the Junior Entertainments at Haverhill by the P. T. A.

The second grade toy orchestra is a regular part of the music of that class and is much enjoyed.

Hot soup was sold at cost, each day during the winter months, to children having to bring a lunch to school. Not as many children bought it as the teachers had expected, but they hope that another year will find it possible for more parents to allow their children this healthful lunch.

The sixth grade greatly appreciated the coaching in basketball given by Miss Roberta Annon and Harold Hume.

Combination swings and teeter given to the school by Mrs. Howard Bailey have been a source of real joy to the children.

In an effort to assist all children having reading difficulties a class in Remedial Reading has been formed under the instruction of Mrs. Marion Journeay who has made a special study of this problem.



This class is held daily and is certainly proving its worth.

At the May meeting of P. T. A. the drawings of Centre School children were exhibited.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE E. HARDY

### REPORT OF PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Dr. John C. Page, Superintendent of Schools:

The following is a general report of the Prospect Street School.

In February, 1938, an ice carnival was held. Anna Smith, seventh grade pupil, was chosen "Queen of the Carnival" because of her performance on the ice. Winners of the various events were awarded ribbons. Among the events were: 100 yard race on skates; 75 yard obstacle races; tug of war; and handicap races. The seventh grade was victorious in the inter-class hockey game.

During the season, boys' and girls' basketball was played on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Much enjoyment was derived from inter-class and round robin games.

The school held a Parent-Teachers meeting at Sargent's Hall. The play, "Elmer", was presented by members of the Dramatic Club. Leona Clark was awarded a bronze medal in the public speaking contest for her interpretation of "The Man Without A Country".

"Paul Revere", an original play by Marcia Wilde, was presented at the Patriots' Day assembly. "Abigail Foote's Visit", an original play written by Winifred Buzzel, was also given at this time.

On May eighteenth, "The Portrait at Nag's Head", a two-act drama, was produced by the seventh grade English class.

June the tenth was set aside by thirty-seven pupils of the eighth grade as the day for an historical trip to Boston. Places visited were:

East Boston Airport, Bunker Hill, The Aquarium, Franklin Park, State House, Boston Gardens, and Lexington and Concord.

Forty pupils of the seventh grade enjoyed a trip to Salisbury Beach accompanied by Principal and Mrs. Howard G. Patchett.

June marked the end of the school year, and appropriate exercises were held at Sargent's Hall during which time forty-two pupils were graduated.

The enrollment in September, 1938 showed thirty-five pupils in grade seven and forty-two pupils in grade eight, a total of seventy-seven.

The 1938 Stamp Club was organized as a seventh grade activity.

On December twenty-third a Christmas play called "Christmas Roses" was presented as a part of the Christmas assembly.

A 7th and 8th grade football team was organized with William Bridges as its captain. The team scrimmaged on various occasions with local teams, and enjoyed a series of games with the Spalding School of Salisbury.

In conjunction with the regular school subjects, the following motion picture films have been presented, thus far: "Fall of the House of Usher", "India's 300,000,000", "Legend of Sleepy Hollow", "Power of the Clouds", "Thomas Jefferson", "A Christmas Carol", "Benjamin Franklin", "Mongols of Central Asia".

The Parent-Teachers Association will hold its meeting at the Prospect Street School on January nineteenth. The speaker is to be Mr. Albert Bradley Carter, Commissioner of Probation in Massachusetts. Mr. Carter will tell of experiences and cases which come to the attention of the Juvenile Court.

A history-art project is now under way in the eighth grade. The work has a three-fold purpose in that it will tie up history with art, as well as decorate the classroom.

With the advent of the basketball season, the boys and girls of the school have been granted the privilege of using the Town Hall on Monday afternoons for a period of two hours in which they may take part in inter-class competition.

The teachers of the Prospect Street School look forward to greater scholastic achievement during the ensuing school year, and wish to thank Dr. Page and the School Board for their co-operation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH V. MURRAY

#### MERRIMAC JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

##### *Graduates of 8th Grade, June 1938*

Bernard Alfred Bailey, Elmer George Bailey, James Henry Christie, John Nelson Deminie, Carleton Morrison Emery, James L. Gile, Jr., Russell Edwin Hall, Perley Herbert Hargraves, Jr., Russell Alvin Heath, John A. Hutchins, Jr., Hollis W. Jefferson, James George Mader, Clayton Robert Metcalf, Earl Alfred Picard, William Corson Reed, Gardner Bixby Sargent, Benjamin Franklin Stewart, Jr, \*Ruth Ellen Barry, Barbara Louise Bunker, Pauline Lillian Bushong, \*Winifred Jane Buzzell, Almeda Marjorie Chase, Leona Elizabeth Clark, Ruth Priscilla Clark, \*Alice Jean Crosby, Marjorie Thelma Crymble, \*Eleanor Melville DeLong, Althea Ernestine Dill, \*Ruth Alice Franklin, \*Phyllis May Foisy, Phyllis Elaine Hall, Myrna Lillian Lavalley, Maybelle Raye Merritt, Elsie Goldsmith O'Keefe, Judy Raymond, Helen Ruby Sloban, Mary Suzanne Smith, Ruth Pearl Staples, Fay Margaret Thompson, \*Natalie Edith Whiting, \*Marcia Elipabeth Wilde, Meverdia Zinck.

\* Scholastic Honors.

#### REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Doctor J. C. Page, Superintendent of Schools, and Members of the School Board:

I herewith submit the annual report of the Merrimac High School for the year 1937-38.



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As has been customary in the past, several annual reports and a table showing the number of boys and girls pursuing each course of study follows:

Enrollment	Gen.	Col. Prep.	Sc. Prep.	Norm.	Comm.	Total Girls	Total Boys	Students
Post Graduates								
Girls .....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Boys .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seniors								
Girls .....	7	0	0	0	5	12		
Boys .....	3	0	0	0	1		4	16
Juniors								
Girls .....	3	2	0	0	8	13		
Boys .....	5	1	2	0	4		12	25
Sophomores								
Girls .....	14	1	3	0	6	24		
Boys .....	1	0	0	5	10		16	40
Freshmen								
Girls .....	2	6	2	1	17	28		
Boys .....	6	0	11	1	4		22	50
	43	10	18	7	55	79	54	133

The total enrollment of 133 is the largest for over a decade. Since the records do not show the total enrollment, it had been impossible to determine when if ever this enrollment has been exceeded. Should the total number of students continue to increase, greater facilities will become necessary.

During the past year, motion pictures have been used in all of the schools. Subjects relative to health, safety, and many class topics have been shown, using the high school projector. Eighty rented reels, and fifty free reels have been shown or have been reserved for future showing. These have been used, for the most part as an aid in teaching and have considerably broadened and enriched the subject



matter. The projector was purchased from a fund donated from the treasurer of the Class of 1937, the Journal, the Student Council, and the Hi-Y Club.

The high school teachers cooperated with the teachers of both the Junior High School and the Centre School, in a study intended to improve the continuity of the subject matter throughout the schools system. The study was made by departments as far as possible. In this way, the teacher of History, English, or of Mathematics, etc., in the high school, met with the teachers of the Junior High School and Centre School to discuss the content, methods, difficulties to students, etc. in each particular field. A distinct improvement in teaching results should follow.

The high school is grateful for a subscription to the periodical "The Nation's Business" from Mr. George F. Wilde.

Beth Whiting '38 won the Essex County award in the Essex County American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest on "National Defense." In an essay contest sponsored by the Merrimac Grange on "Biennial Sessions of the General Court," Beth Whiting won the first prize of three dollars, Hugh Remick the second prize of two dollars, and Sylvia Tammik the one-dollar third prize. An award of one year's subscription to "The Readers Digest" was made to Beth Whiting by the publishers of this periodical.

Paul Dion, in recognition of his willingness to help in poster work, and for his generous school spirit was awarded an original sketch by Al Capp who drew many "Lil Abner" characters during an assembly.

It is needless to mention in detail the many athletic and social activities carried on by the high school. These have been, for the most part, similar to the activities of previous years. A play "One Mad Night" on April 8 was sponsored for the benefit of the Athletic Association. This play, coached by Mr. Isaiah Chase, was highly successful financially. A Latin Club, under the direction of Miss Maolyn Osgood, and an English Club sponsored by Mr. Chase, have been added to the usual extra-curricular activities.

There were seventeen in the graduating class. The class parts were awarded as follows: Valedictory, Beth Elaine Whiting; Salutatory, Mary Frances Whiting; Class History, Barbara Ann Murray; Class Will, Helmi Miriam Mustonen; Class Prophecy, Alcha Catherine Huntress; Class Gifts, Gertrude Florence Bacon; Class Poem, Martha Leighton Green.

I thank both Dr. Page and the School Board for their continued interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. MacKAY, Principal.

### MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 1938

Graduated June 22, 1938

<i>Name</i>	<i>Course</i>
Gertrude Florence Bacon .....	General
Robert Greeley Burbeck .....	General
Karl Edward Busch .....	General
Robert Charles Calnan .....	General
Martha Leighton Green .....	Commercial
Alcha Catherine Huntress .....	Commercial
Evelyn Blanche Jenks .....	Commercial
Barbara Ann Murray .....	Normal
Helmi Miriam Mustonen .....	Normal
Jacob E. Quinney .....	General
Florence Beatrice Read .....	General
Hugh M. Remick .....	General
Berdina Mary Schiavoni .....	General
Paul Herbert Seymour .....	Scientific Preparatory
Sylvia Esther Tammik .....	Commercial
Beth Elaine Whiting .....	College Preparatory
Mary Frances Whiting .....	General

*Special Awards*

Balfour Award (for scholarship, loyalty and achievement) Beth Elaine Whiting.

Washington and Franklin Medal (for excellence in the study of United States History) Helmi M. Mustonen.

D. A. R. Good Citizenship Pin, Helmi M. Mustonen.

Medal for Essay on the Constitution of the United States, awarded by Massachusetts Sesquicentennial Commission, Alcha Catherine Huntress.

## MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL

*Honor Roll for 1937-38*

Whiting, Shirley .....	95.80
Clark, Catherine .....	95.00
Vallieres, Armond .....	93.75
Piper, Clinton .....	93.60
Manning, Reed .....	91.63
Whiting, Beth .....	91.50
Macdonald, Kenneth .....	91.13
Sullivan, Barbara .....	89.75
MacDougall, Helena .....	89.60
Whiting, Mary .....	88.80
Mustonen, Helmi .....	88.40
Connor, Judith .....	88.13
Murray, Barbara .....	88.00
Flynn, Dorothy .....	86.13
Huntress, Alcha .....	86.00
Crymble, Janet .....	86.00
Bowser, Gladys .....	86.00
McMahon, John .....	85.88
Wilson, Helen .....	85.25
Whiting, Stanley .....	85.00
Weeks, Frances .....	85.00



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### *Girls Who Earned Letters In Basketball*

Olive Sullivan  
Barbara Sullivan  
Gertrude Bacon, Captain  
Eleanor Chase  
Anna Sargent

Natalie Merritt  
Alcha Huntress  
Priscilla Choquette  
Beth Whiting, Manager  
Martha Green, Manager

APRIL 5, 1938

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### *Boys Who Earned Letters In Basketball*

James Hume, Captain  
Stanley Whiting  
Thomas Lally  
Howard Lafaver  
Jacob Quinney

Karl Busch  
Arthur Ollis  
Allan Seymour  
Arnold Connor, Manager

### *Boys Who Earned A Letter In Baseball, 1938*

Wallace Carter, Captain  
Forrest Lavalley, Manager  
Hugh Remick  
Arthur Ollis  
Stanley Whiting  
George Stevens

George Smith  
James Hume  
Howard Lafaver  
Kenneth MacDonald  
Allen Seymour  
Paul Dion

### *Those To Whom Journal Pins Were Awarded for 1937-38*

Marjorie How	'39	Stanley Whiting	'39
Mary Whiting	'38	Catherine McMaster	'39
Barbara Murray	'38	Florence Read	'38
Olive Sullivan	'39	Hugh Remick	'38
Gladys Bowser	'39	Evelyn Jenks	'38
Helena MacDougall	'39	Thelma Clark	'39
Martha Green	'38	Shirley Whiting	'40



Helen Wilson	'40	Berdina Schiavoni	'38
Catherine Clark	'40	Dorothy Flynn	'41
Beth Whiting	'38	Gertrude Bacon	'38
Jacob Quinney	'38	Anna Sargent	'39
Charlotte Sande	'39	Kenneth MacDonald	'41
Forrest Lavalley		'40	

## ATTENDANCE HONOR ROLL, 1938

Not absent for Four years, September 1934 to June, 1938—  
Frederick Noone, Hugh Remick.

Not absent for Three years, September, 1935 to June, 1938—  
Phyllis Jean Clark, Jean Manning, Elsie O'Keefe, Judy Raymond, Harold Wallace, Wilbur Wallace.

Not absent for Two years, September, 1936 to June, 1938—  
Elmer Bailey, Leo Busch, Ruth Clark, Alice Crosby, Ruth Franklin, Henry Lay, Clifford Wallace.

Not absent for One year, September, 1937 to June, 1938—

*High School*—Leo Busch, Eleanor Chase, Thelma Clark, Judith Connor, Pearl Godin, Evelyn Jenks, Henry Lay, Arthur Lockwood, Kenneth Macdonald, Reed Manning, Hugh Remick, Berdina Schiavoni, Robert Streeter, Clifford Wallace.

*Prospect Street School*—Elmer Bailey, Ruth Clark, Alice Crosby, John Deminie, Ruth Franklin, James Mader, Clayton Metcalf, Elsie O'Keefe, Judy Raymond, Mary Smith, Frank Danforth, Jean Manning, Wilbur Wallace.

*Centre School*—Grade 6: Frederick Noone, Harold Wallace; Grade 5: Gordon Spinney. Grade 4: Edward Worcester. Grade 3: Claire Gosselin. Grade 2: None. Grade 1: None.

*Merrimacport School*—Phyllis Clark.

## 1938 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Regular school appropriation .....	\$ 28,250.00
Appropriated for school committee salaries .....	175.00
Refunded dog tax .....	135.14
Returned check .....	27.96
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Total available for schools .....	\$ 28,588.10
Total expenditures .....	28,587.04
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Balance .....	\$ 1.06

## Reimbursements:

Superintendent of Schools .....	\$ 483.33
General School Fund, Part I .....	4,882.94
General School Fund, Part II .....	3,447.78
Tuition & Transportation State Wards .....	2.64
Tuition local Schools .....	192.00
Sale of Typewriter .....	17.00
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Total .....	\$ 9,025.69

Total expenditures .....	\$ 28,587.04
Total reimbursements .....	9,025.69

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Total expended from local taxation in 1938 .....\$ 19,561.35

*Summary of Expenses*

## General Control

School committee salaries .....	\$ 175.00
School committee expenses .....	26.80
Supt. School's salary .....	850.00
Secretary's salary .....	256.25
Office supplies & travel expenses .....	224.93
Law enforcement .....	122.85
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	\$ 1,655.83

## Cost of Instruction

Teachers' salaries .....	17,250.00	
Substitutes .....	146.40	
Supervisors' salaries .....	800.00	
Text books .....	508.00	
Supplies .....	945.19	
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## Cost of Operation

Janitors' salaries .....	1,562.00	
Fuel .....	1,259.75	
Janitors' supplies, cleaning, etc. ....	235.33	
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Repairs .....		1,406.38
Health .....		325.16
Transportation .....		2,035.70
Equipment .....		374.58
Miscellaneous .....		82.72
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Total .....		\$ 28,587.04

## 1939 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

## General Control

School committee salaries .....	\$ 175.00	
(separate appropriation)		
School committee expenses .....	25.00	
Supt. Schools' salary .....	850.00	
Secretary's salary .....	262.50	
Office supplies and travel expenses .....	225.00	
Law enforcement .....	85.00	....
	<hr/>	\$ 1,622.50

## Cost of Instruction

Teachers' salaries .....	17,630.00
Substitutes .....	150.00

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Supervisors' salaries .....	800.00	
Text books .....	500.00	
Supplies .....	900.00	
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## Cost of Operation

Janitors' salaries .....	1,550.00	
Fuel .....	1,250.00	
Janitors' supplies, cleaning, etc. ....	235.00	
	<hr/>	3,035.00

Repairs .....	700.00	
Health .....	325.00	
Transportation .....	2,030.00	
Equipment .....	300.00	
Miscellaneous .....	82.50	
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Total .....		\$ 28,250.00

## Estimated 1939 reimbursements:

Supt. Schools .....	\$ 483.33	
General School Fund, Part I .....	4,725.00	
General School Fund, Part II .....	3,654.35	
Tuition local schools .....	182.00	
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Total .....	\$ 9,044.68	

Estimated school appropriation .....	\$ 28,075.00	
Appropriation for school committee salaries .....	175.00	
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Estimated total for schools in 1939 .....	\$ 28,250.00	
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Estimated reimbursements .....	9,044.68	
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Estimated total from local taxation in 1939 .....	\$ 19,205.32	
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